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PASTOR PRESENTS SOME ALARMING FIGURES

(Editor's Note: The facts presented below by Rev. Cary Cox, pastor of the First Church West Point are thought provoking. A census of other Miss. churches would show about the same general average.)

If the facts given below are not alarming, then your condition of heart is! For anyone knowing conditions to obtain which I now present must be alarmed over them or need someone to become alarmed for them.

According to the last Religious Census, and at that time we had eighty-five enrolled in our Young People's Department in Sunday School and one hundred seventy of the same age were not enrolled. Of the one hundred seventy not enrolled, seventy three of them were sitting right here in West Point with their church membership somewhere else. Fifty of them were members of this church but are not enrolled in Sunday School. Forty seven of those not enrolled, but giving our church as their preference professing Christians. Of the young married women from 17-24 years of age there are only eight enrolled and seventy-one not enrolled. Of the young men 22-24 there are seven enrolled in Sunday School.

Our census reveals some startling facts in regard to the adults. We have three hundred twelve adults enrolled in Sunday School and six hundred twenty-two, almost twice that number not enrolled. Two hundred forty-eight members of this church of adult age are not enrolled in Sunday School. There are two hundred thirty-nine adults living within reach of this church who are Baptists with their church membership where they moved from. One hundred fifteen adults have given our church as the church of their faith.

At the time the census was made we had eight hundred twenty-seven enrolled in Sunday School and one thousand sixty-eight whose names and addresses we have giving our

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DR. O. P. ESTES TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Dr. O. P. Estes, pastor of First church, Picayune, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour, Sunday afternoon, July 10 at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Estes will be heard over the following stations:

WSLI Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada.

Chicago SBC Parade Suggestion Opposed

By REV. OLEY C. KIDD

Birmingham, Alabama

Editor's Note: This article was written in answer to one by Dr. Samuel Tilden Habel which appeared in the issue of June 16 entitled "Urgency of Chicago Meeting Emphasized."

A large attendance at the Chicago Convention next May is a very important matter. The Convention Hall will look, at several sessions, like my church on a rainy Sunday night. A hall that will seat 20,000 with about 3,000 scattered through it.

Another factor that should cause alarm now about the attendance is the Baptist World Alliance meets in Cleveland, Ohio, in July, 1950, and a lot of the little pastors like myself can't hope for their churches to send them to both; so in making the choice of one, many will take the Cleveland meeting.

But it is the second suggestion that has prompted this expression when Dr. Habel suggests a "Parade through the city to Convention Hall." He gives examples of the Roman Catholics marching through Boston 100,000 strong, or the "Papa" of Rome speaking to 300,000 at some "pagan" gathering as sufficient authority for staging a great mass parade of Southern Baptists through the streets of Chicago. There is something about the suggestion I resent, for, when religion goes on parade it ceases to be the religion that I know in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The way to true greatness with
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ONE PAIR OF SHOES SERVES GERMAN FAMILY

In one German family there is just one pair of shoes for all of them. The father starts the day with the advantage of having the shoes when he goes to work. His daughter goes to school which is a little farther on. So she would stop in the factory where the father works and continue with the shoes to her school. The mother spends most of the day out, so she goes to the school to get the shoes. When school is over the mother brings the shoes to the school for her daughter and the daughter in turn brings the shoes to the father in order that he may come home decently in shoes.

You can classify the people according to what they have on their feet. There are people in Germany who walk barefoot. The next one, wooden shoes with stockings.

Not everyone belongs to the group who are privileged by having leather shoes.

Communists Take Over Shanghai University and Soochow School Property

University of Shanghai and Soochow Baptist school property have been taken over by Chinese Communist authorities, according to a cable-

gram received July 1 from Dr. Frank Connely of Shanghai.

Secretary M. Theron Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board stated that occupation of mission property had been anticipated as a possibility. However, missionaries remained with the schools throughout the change-over from Nationalist to Communist forces in both Soochow and Shanghai, in keeping with the Board's policy of dealing with the situation on the basis of what has come rather than on what might come.

Letters from Soochow and other stations behind Communist lines had reported normal activities shortly before news came of the Communist occupation of the Soochow property. Missionaries Blanche Groves, Sophie Lanneau, Ola Lea and Jenell Greer remained in Soochow when Communists took the city on their drive to Shanghai.

There was some intense fighting in the Yangtze area near the University of Shanghai, but the only damage to the buildings was shattered windows from a few stray bullets. The Baptist Compound, several miles away, was undamaged.

Although missionaries will continue to serve wherever possible in China, complete reorganization of mission work in the Orient is possible within a year, Dr. Rankin stated. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, has been to Bangkok, Thailand, recently and will go soon to Formosa and Korea, looking into possibilities of relocating missionaries in those areas. Missionary G. W. Strother has gone to India to survey that field.

NEWSPRINT MILLS MAKE HUGE PROFITS IN '48

Toronto-Pulp and paper companies operating in Canada are prospering, according to a tabulation prepared by the Toronto Star.

Net profits of 28 companies operating in Canada aggregated \$155,000,000 in 1948 with the bulk of profits being made from newsprint, the Star declared.

The tabulation included figures for Minnesota & Ontario Co., and International Paper Co., which also have mills in the United States, but whose pulp and paper operations are chiefly Canadian.

While the pulp and paper firms were amassing huge profits, in addition they piled up in the past five years huge reserves for depreciation, depletion, etc.

Price increases and a record market gave the paper companies new high levels in profits the last few years with 1948 surpassing previous records.

Twenty-two of the 28 firms listed by the Star had gains in 1948 over 1947 of more than 10 percent; 17 had more than 20 percent; seven over 50 percent and five over 70 percent.

(Editor's Note: We print the above to let our readers know why the price of paper has gone so high.)

HOW TO PREPARE FOR SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL APRIL 9-23, 1950

By C. E. Matthews, D. D.

The simultaneous crusade is to be held in 8,554 churches at one time, April 9-23, 1950. It can be done by following the program outlined in the book, entitled The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism.

The crusade is to be conducted around the unit of the association. There are 380 associations west of the Mississippi River; hence, there will be, or should be, 380 associational-wide revivals going on at one time.

ELECT STEERING COMMITTEE
RIGHT NOW every one of the 380 associations should have a steering committee set up in preparation for the crusade. The steering committee, its personnel, and its duties are found

in Chapter Two of the book mentioned above.

How About Preachers for Revivals
Where shall we get 8,554 preachers to do the preaching in that many churches?

FIRST, in every instance possible the pastor should do his own preaching, a practice which is common in many of our best churches.

SECOND, we urge our churches to use all of our general evangelists, retired ministers who are still active, and ordained ministers who serve in our educational and eleemosynary institutions.

Third, there are 3,502 part-time churches west of the Mississippi River.
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Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists--Send Them The Baptist Record

HOW TO PREPARE FOR

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ver. If a pastor serves two or more churches, we suggest that he prepare them all for a revival, conduct the meeting in one of them, and secure a preacher for the meeting in each of the others.

In some instances the pastor of more than two churches has succeeded in preparing his churches for the revival, then securing preachers for each of them while he gives supervision to them all, going from one to the other.

There are thousands of ministerial students in our educational institutions who will be available for this crusade, provided they are engaged immediately so that they will defer absences from class in order to be the crusade. The universities and the seminaries have an over-all maximum absence of eleven and of two weeks respectively for any one student. If absences exceed this, the student cannot get credit for the course. Absences for two weeks of this revival would appropriate at least six of that maximum number in universities and all in seminaries. It is easy to see that this can be worked out if students are contacted in time.

If this does not answer the need, then contact your South-wide or state secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood and secure a good layman to preach. Perhaps the pastor and the church would already know some layman who is qualified and available.

Many churches have already secured help from across the River. "Where there is a will, there is a way."

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CHICAGO SBC PARADE

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Southern Baptists is not to try to imitate some group that major on parades and shows, but to stay at our task preaching the whole Gospel to the whole world, and the people everywhere will know that we are around and still in the business. I would stand at any hour during the Convention at Chicago and preach a gospel message from a soap box, or listen and pray while some one else preached, but I wouldn't walk fifty feet in any kind of a parade in the name of religion, even if sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Let us so work and lead our churches this year until when we come to Chicago we can report we have baptized more people than ever before, that we have more Home Missionaries than ever before and that we have more Foreign Missionaries than ever before. Let the Roman Catholics, K. K. K. and others do the band playing, horn blowing and parading; but as for "Our House" we will serve the Lord."

—BR—

THIS PUSH BUTTON AGE OF MOD-

ern conveniences has tricked many people into looking for a convenient religion too. Such people desire a religion which is detachable, that is, a religion from which they can take a vacation when it suits them. But those who fancy that they have found such a bargain-counter religion may be sure that whatever it is, it is not the Christian religion. For a Christian is permanently and inextricably bound to Christ in all seasons.—Josef Nordenhauf in *The Baptist Student*.



Miss Marie Malley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. V. W. Malley of Harrisville High School, has entered the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.

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SPIKES HAS ANNIVERSARY AT GUM GROVE CHURCH

Rev. J. M. Spikes completed his first year as pastor of Gum Grove Church in Lincoln County on June 26. The church surprised the pastor with a special offering.

During his pastorate 28 members have been added, 16 on profession of faith; the church debt of \$1300 has been paid; the kitchen has been partially equipped, and the library has been enlarged. Improvements have been made on the parsonage. A water system will soon be installed in the church.

A full-time program is supported and the Cooperative Program and the Baptist Record are included in the Cooperative Program.

July 11-15 has been set for the Vacation Bible School and July 24-29 for the revival.

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MISS MATTIE ST. CLAIR AND MRS. Dorothy Pugh, of Mahan, were hostesses for the Fidelas Class at the June Business meeting. Mrs. Loyd Jacks, secretary, presided.

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PASTOR PRESENTS SOME

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church as their preference but not enrolled in Sunday School. We have three hundred six members of the church and exactly the same number, three hundred six, Baptists living here with their church membership somewhere else who are not enrolled in Sunday School. That means we have six hundred twelve Baptists living within reach of this church not enrolled, with four hundred forty-seven of those being adults.

May I repeat that if we are not alarmed over this, our spiritual senses are so deadened that we have no spiritual feeling. We can sit around and twiddle our thumbs and the conditions will remain as they are. We can talk about what these people "ought to do" and continue to have the same conditions. We can quit excusing ourselves for our lack of interest and become more Christ-like with a compassion for them and in the course of time, rejoice in a tremendously enlarged attendance.

WINONA REVIVAL ADDS 61 Nine Professions in V.B.S.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., was the evangelist in a ten-day revival meeting in the First Church of Winona. Rev. Bob Lowe of Clinton directed the music. Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, is the pastor.

On June 26, a record attendance in Sunday School was reached with 478 present. There were 61 additions to the church of which 26 were candidates for baptism.

A bus was run during the revival to provide transportation for those on the out-skirts of the town. The church decided to have the bus run every Sunday for the Sunday school hour.

The church enrolled 176 in the Vacation Bible School May 30-June 10. There were nine professions of faith in the school.

The Intermediate boys made a ping-pong table for the recreational room of the church.

The school had a faculty of about 30 members. The department superintendents were: Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, Beginner; Miss Peggy Eubank, Primary; Mrs. N. Q. Matthews, Junior; and Mrs. A. T. Hammond, Intermediate. Mr. John Holder, Jr. directed the handwork for the Junior and Intermediate boys.

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Pearlhaven VBS Enrolls 149

Pearlhaven Church at Brookhaven began its Vacation Bible School on June 20, and had 149 enrolled for a two-week period.

The mission offering was designated for the Cooperative Program and a \$30 goal was set. The goal was not only reached but passed by almost a dollar.

Merchants and friends furnished refreshments each day and a picnic on the closing day of the school.

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Greenville Completes VBS

Greenville East Church has completed a Vacation Bible School in which Mrs. Paul H. Watson was the superintendent. A mission offering of \$26.70 was given to Calvary Church in Greenville on its building program.

More than 200 attended the commencement services on the closing evening and the picnic which followed.

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DR. JOHN WESLEY DICKENS

Dr. John Wesley Dickens, 77, retired Baptist minister, died in a Jackson hospital on June 19 after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the First Church, New Orleans. In the absence of Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor, Dr. W. W. Hamilton and Dr. Frank Tripp officiated at the services. Burial was at Hope Mausoleum.

Dr. Dickens was a native of Lebanon County, Tennessee, a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was pastor at Jackson, Tennessee, Crystal Springs, Miss., Lafayette, La., Welsh, La., and Metairie Church, New Orleans.

Prior to his retirement he served nine years as Hospital Missionary for the New Orleans Baptist Association. From 1947 until a few weeks before his death, he had made his home in Columbus, Miss., with his daughter, Mrs. John E. Carruth.

Besides his daughter, survivors are a son, R. J. Dickens of Dallas, Texas; a brother, C. O. Dickens of Austin, Texas; and four grandchildren.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE July 3, 1949

Union (Pearl River County) -	202	201
Pleasant Hill (Lincoln County) -	73	57
Brookhaven, First -	654	216
Ruth -	93	110
Friendship (Lincoln County) -	85	99
Pascagoula, First -	340	125
Chapel, Pascagoula, First -	34	---
Pascagoula, Eastlawn Mission -	30	---
Chalybeate -	56	25
Durant, First -	186	56
Bruce -	228	71
Delay -	61	68
Crystal Springs, First -	375	172
Hattiesburg, Main Street -	440	190
Laurel, First -	374	135
Laurel, Second Avenue -	252	113
Gulfport, First -	348	106
Columbus, First -	700	169
Kosciusko, First -	556	172
Providence (Lebanon Assn.) -	74	66
Jackson, Calvary -	776	227
Jackson, Calvary Mission -	30	22
Jackson, First -	664	237
Jackson, Parkway -	437	183
Jackson, Parkway Chapel -	36	26
Jackson, Eastside -	85	71
Jackson, Van Winkle -	304	205
Byram -	110	95
Jackson, Northside -	306	117

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REV. SILAS BERRY COOPER

Rev. Silas Berry Cooper, a native and long time resident of Mississippi, died at the Veteran's Hospital in Jackson on Sunday, July 3. The funeral was held Tuesday, July 5 at 5:30 p. m. in the Clinton Baptist Church. Mr. Cooper was the son of Rev. R. A. Cooper and Anna Lou Berry Cooper. The elder Mr. Cooper was for more than a quarter of a century pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc, Miss.

Mr. Cooper was born in Pontotoc on April 28, 1900. He spent much of his early youth in Amarillo, Texas, but returned to Mississippi and graduated from Mississippi College in 1922. He also graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and had pastored in Junction City, Ky.; Sardis and Tupelo, Mississippi; Birmingham, Ala., and Ventura, California. Rev. Cooper was the first pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo and was serving there at the time the present church structure was completed. He served for many years on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and on the Board of Trustees of the Golden Gate Seminary at Berkeley, California.

At the outbreak of the war Mr. Cooper entered the Navy and served for four years, seeing action in the Gilbert Islands and Iwo Jima. He was retired from the Navy as a Lt. Commander recently and moved to Clinton, which was his home at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Simmons Cooper; a daughter, Betty and son, Silas, Jr.

Other survivors are his twin brother, Rev. Paul B. Cooper of Handsboro, Miss.; brothers Robert B. Cooper, Houston, Texas, N. M. Cooper, Amarillo, Texas; sisters, Mrs. E. V. Studer, Amarillo, Texas; Mrs. J. A. Bushfield, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. W. C. Houston, Jr., Louisville, Ky., and several nieces and nephews.

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LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—(RNS)—A proposal that the U. N. General Assembly be opened each year with a minute of silent prayer and meditation has reportedly run into opposition from Soviet Russia. The report said Aleksander A. Soldatov voiced the Russian objection at a closed meeting of the Assembly's Procedures. The Russians apparently regard the proposal as one that would emphasize the differences already existing among member nations.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8



REGULAR BAPTIST RECORD MAILING DEPARTMENT

We are in the midst of presenting workers who serve directly out of the office of the Executive Secretary. This includes the Assistant Executive Secretary and his office; our office secretaries; Bookkeeping Department; promotional worker; regular Baptist Record Mailing Department; along with special mailing helpers and our two janitors—some twenty-five persons in all!

In the above picture we have the regular workers in the Mailing Department. Mrs. L. R. Williams is the superintendent. Others in the picture are: Margaret Cloud, Bernice McInnis, Nancy Lowry, and Mrs. Tom Temple. These helpers have some of the heaviest assignments in our work. They render their service joyfully. We could not have brought the Baptist Record Business Management including the Mailing Department out of the doldrums without such able helpers as we herewith present. We appreciate them very much.

While Miss Lois Tyler was in this department she also very largely helped.

When we were selected in 1942 to take over the Business Management of the Baptist Record we knew the mailing was in chaos. The war was on. Help was scarce. We already had more than we could do. We knew we had to have someone whom we could trust 100 percent and not let anything slip by. We went to Mrs. McCall and asked her if she would undergo the drudgery and the slavery of digging into it. She agreed. For months until the Lord led us to Miss Tyler Mrs. McCall went through the grinding process of bringing profit out of chaos by getting in order a Mailing Department. That was the beginning of a transformation from a \$107,000 loss to a \$90,000 profit in Baptist Record operation. Even though the word is a bit personal we gladly speak it because most people never knew about it.

"JUST LOVING GOD."

By W. W. HAMILTON.

Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.

A friend of mine tells of a little girl, who would come in each morning for a little playtime with daddy. On one of these mornings he pretended to be asleep and did not respond. The little thing became so quiet that presently he peeked to see what she was doing. She was climbing up in a chair at the window, and as she stood for a minute watching a glorious sunshine, she said, "Good morning God."

Recently there was another child story published which illustrates prayer. A young woman saw a child coming out from a room designated for prayer, and engaging the little girl in conversation, she asked, "What were you doing in there?" The child answered "Just praying." Feeling that was a bit unusual the lady said, "What did you ask God to give you, my dear?" "Oh nothing, I was just loving God a little."

"Just loving God a little!" What a sweet and tender and beautiful idea of prayer! She was not there to ask the Father for anything in particular, but, "was just loving God a little."

How glad we are, as parents, or grandparents, when one of the children come in from school, or from play, and climbs up into a welcome lap and just loves us a little! With affectionate arms about one's neck and with soft cheek against the face, the child says, "I love you, mummy," "I love you daddy."

In our praying we come so many times to ask God for so many things. Let us

pause even now, wherever we are, and say a word of love to our Heavenly Father! Are we anxious? Are we burdened? Are we disturbed? Are we busy with daily duties? Whatever we may be doing, it will help us and will please our Lord, if we will take a few minutes to "just love God a little."

"My Jesus I love thee
I know thou art mine,
For thee all the follies
Of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
My Saviour art thou;
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now."

II

Assistant Executive Secretary William P. Davis, and I started in the plane for a committee meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Our intentions were good but we encountered a storm north of Muscle Shoals and had to return. We later heard that autoists in that section were marooned for a while.

Recently we were with Union Baptist Church, Walthall County, Ernest W. Arnold, New Orleans Seminary student, pastor. A lovely house of worship was being dedicated. The congregation filled the church despite bad weather and a dinner on the ground was served. Brother Arnold is one of our most talented and spiritual young ministers who will make a real imprint in the Christian world. Several other fine pastors were present.

A splendid meeting of the Executive Committee was held in our office recently. The minutes are in this issue of the

Baptist Record. From them you will note items as follows: First, the Executive Committee is very conservative in granting requests due to the restrictions imposed by the Board last December. They granted our request for a restudy of the Bookkeeping Department over the last ten years. We requested such a restudy be authorized by the Convention Board last November. We think you will be pleased with the results.

We had the privilege of speaking to about 150 people in the prayer meeting at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky. Brother O'Ray Weeks is the very fine pastor of this splendid church. The next evening we were happy to be in Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, with Dr. Russell Purdy, the very spiritual pastor. We had good fellowship with some fine laymen as well as some splendid preachers. They constitute a great group. Dr. Elwin Wilkinson, a Mississippian, is one of the fine leaders in this section.

If you have not been to Caesar in Pearl River County, you have not been where the folks are. Pastor S. P. Powell is the honest to goodness type pastor everybody loves. Approximately 1500 people were present for the dedication of the lovely house of worship. A great dinner on the ground was served. A large group of faithful pastors were present.

Monday we visited the Eastside Baptist Church field with Pastor Dan Morton of Gulfport. This is one of our newest churches making good strides. They have had 60 additions since September. Both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School have gained greatly in attendance. Brother Dan Morton is another one of our outstanding younger preachers. Doxology!

III

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth shall draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

One thing has greatly encouraged us—wherever we have gone—North, South, East, or West we have found lovers of the Lord Jesus! Around the world we have found them in eighteen countries visited! From Alaska in the North, to almost the tip of South America we have found lovers of Jesus! On the islands of the Sea we have found them!

Wherever, we have preached we have been blessed in Christian Fellowship—all over Mississippi, throughout the South and elsewhere!

Yonder at Tacoma, Washington, and across in New York City we found His followers. In Xenia, Ohio, in Roanoke, Virginia, in Phoenix, Arizona, we found some great hearts! In Chicago which most people down here feel is given over to gangsters we found real evangelists for Jesus as we preached in Judson Memorial, Tabernacle, and Victory Center!

It helps us sing anew, "Onward Christian soldiers," etc.

We worship a great Christ! We serve a great Christ! We sing because of a great Christ! We shout because of a great Christ! We win with a great Christ!

Again death comes to the Convention Board staff personnel. Mrs. G. R. Holmes has served faithfully for some time with the Baptist Record Business Management as a special worker in the Mailing Department. Each week she joyfully and energetically joined several other fine workers in getting out to you 63,000 copies of the Baptist Record. She was a fine Christian. Our love and sympathy go out to family members. Psalm 23. John 14.

PHILIP HARRIS, YOUNG PEOPLE'S

leader for the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been elected to the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rocky Creek VBS Enrolls 201

Rocky Creek Church, George County, closed its Vacation Bible School on Friday night June 24 with Commencement exercises. A mission offering of \$14 was taken.

Forty workers, under the leadership of Miss Betty Freeman of Hattiesburg, directed the activities of the 201 pupils enrolled. Refreshments were served each day by the W. M. S. A committee assisted in providing transportation.

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MRS. J. J. GUNTER

On May 3, the soul of Mrs. Annie Hill Gunter passed into that land of eternal peace and joy.

WHEREAS, her passing spread grief and sadness over our community and caused us to realize that God does not make mistakes.

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Soso Church, and until her failing years was a regular attendant at church services.

WHEREAS, she was of sterling character, possessed those qualities that go to make up the best of Christian characters, and

WHEREAS, she demonstrated the qualities of Motherhood to those who were not fortunate in having living parents by opening her home to them.

WHEREAS, she expressed her love to husband, children, and grandchildren, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: First, that we express our deepest sympathy to her family and commend to them the love of the Heavenly Father, whose love will fill their hearts;

RESOLVED, Second, that a copy of these resolutions be inserted in the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society, in the records of the Soso Church, that a copy be sent to her family and that a copy be published in the Baptist Record.

Respectively submitted,

MRS. WALTER W. WELBORN

MRS. T. C. WALDRUP

MRS. GLADYS KERVIN

—BR—

OMAHA, NEB.—(RNS)—TWENTY new churches were recognized at the convention of the Baptist General Conference here, bringing the total membership to 340 in the U. S. Sixty churches have been added to the denomination in the past ten years.

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RUTH CHURCH HAS V.B.S.

Ruth Church held its Vacation Bible School June 19-24 with 64 enrolled. Miss Martha Carolyn Wells was the principal and was assisted by Rev. R. C. Johnson, pastor; Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Intermediate superintendent; Miss Peggy Mason, Junior Department; Mrs. Esther Mason, Primary Department; Miss Alice O'Dell, Beginner Department.

A Commencement program was given on June 24, and the handwork by each department was displayed.

A Mission offering was taken each day during the devotional period.

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EASTBUTCHIE HAS VBS, REVIVAL; 9 PROFESSIONS

Eastbutchie Church in Forrest County enrolled 36 in a Vacation Bible School June 13-17. Mrs. Dan C. Holcomb was principal of the school and superintendent of the Junior Department. Mrs. Darwood Hinton was superintendent of the Primary Department; Rev. J. P. Holcomb, pastor, led the Intermediates.

A revival was held along with the V. B. S. Rev. U. G. Salter, Beaumont pastor, was the evangelist. Nine from the Junior and Intermediate departments were converted.

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As Others Saw It

So far as we know there was no conferring among the Southern Baptist editors who attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City, but there seems to be a lot of agreement among them concerning the trends and actions taken by the Convention.

We wish that we could quote Convention comments by all the editors but space is not available, however, below we give short extracts from some of the editorial comment about the Convention and actions taken by it.

Discussing the Convention's vote to meet in Chicago in 1950, Livingston Mays, editor of the Southside Baptist Digest, says:

"Chicago Political Claqueur methods were used for the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, Editor Murrie writes. "Dr. Taylor then spoke briefly. This message was acclaimed with applause, especially when the mention of hotel rooms was made. This did not happen accidentally, for the night before many of the Illinois messengers were instructed to be on hand and to be scattered."

"Editor Murrie adds that this was so applause would start and be sustained in every section of the crowd. He also says that this was the old Mississippi plan, however it is a plan of politicians more frequently used in Chicago to defeat and deceive the majority of those present."

Concerning meeting in San Francisco in 1950, Editor Mays said:

"To attend a convention in San Francisco will cost Southern Baptist messengers more money than was spent by us on the Foreign field last year.

"Only 875 people voted for San Francisco. A change of 19 votes out of 1,674 cast would have saved our convention a \$4,500,000 trip to San Francisco. Isn't it possible that the volunteer tellers may have accidentally made some few mis-

takes. Only 875 people voted for San Francisco for this \$4,500,000 waste largely for hotel and touring pleasures. High cost may reduce attendance to the rich only."

Dr. David M. Gardner, editor of the Baptist Standard (Texas) said concerning the Chicago action:

"What are the facts: First, there is nothing in the constitution of either the Northern Baptist convention or the Southern Baptist convention that would prevent either body from meeting in any section of the United States, and in any particular city, either body may select as a meeting place. This is a free country and Baptists believe in freedom for individuals and also for autonomous churches and conventions.

"Second. In deciding to go to Chicago, Southern Baptists accepted an urgent invitation from more than six hundred Southern Baptist churches in the state of Illinois, with an aggregate membership of more than 100,000. According to reports there are more than twice as many Southern Baptist churches in the state of Illinois as there are northern Baptist churches.

Third. In our opinion there were two decisive factors which influenced messengers to the convention to select Chicago as the meeting place for 1950, in preference to Houston. One was the promise of plenty of hotels to accommodate messengers and visitors to our annual meetings. The other was the promise of a convention hall large enough to adequately take care of all who wish to attend. There is not a city in the South with sufficient hotel facilities and an auditorium large enough to entertain our convention adequately. The fact that Chicago promised to furnish more than twice the number of rooms than Houston could furnish and two auditoriums with a seating capacity of ten and twenty thousand, won the decision of the vast majority of messengers in Oklahoma City, who were forced to stay in homes and tourist camps far removed from the convention hall and many of whom could not get on the inside after traveling miles to get there.

The Arkansas Baptist, Dr. B. H. Duncan, editor, wrote as follows about the Chicago matter:

Hotel Rooms—that is the chief explanation. The vote to go to San Francisco in 1951 is a bit more difficult to explain, though the assurance of hotel rooms may have had something to do with that decision also.

We have no particular objection to going to Chicago. According to reports, there are more Southern Baptist churches in Illinois than Northern Baptist churches, though

that is not true of the city of Chicago. We are convinced, however, that it is a serious mistake to go to San Francisco the following year, thus taking the Convention out of distinctly Southern Baptist territory two years in succession.

Editor Duncan also thinks the Convention made at least two mistakes which he outlined as follows:

We believe it to be a mistake to establish the Western Assembly at Glorieta, New Mexico. We believe the brethren in that section made mistake in asking that the Assembly be located there. We hold this view for three reasons. First, we do not believe it possible for an Assembly in that location to make its maximum contribution to programs of the churches and denomination, because of the distance to be traversed in reaching the assembly site and because of the sparse Baptist population of that area compared with other and older areas of the Convention territory.

Second, because the cost of developing the assembly at Glorieta will be so much higher per capita than it would be at the Harrison, Arkansas, the site recommended to the Convention. If a circle with a radius of 400 miles were drawn around each site, and if it cost \$1,500,000 to develop the Assembly, the proportionate cost would probably be about one dollar per Baptist in the 400 mile circle surrounding Harrison, Arkansas, where, it would probably be about fifteen dollars per Baptist in the 400 mile circle surrounding Glorieta, New Mexico. The disparity between the per capita cost of the two sites is too great to be practical. It is not good business, good sense, or good religion to spend so much of the Lord's money to develop an Assembly in a locality where the Baptist population is so sparse, when the same outlay would reach at least fifteen times as many Baptists in another location.

Third, an Assembly is not a pioneer or missionary project. The missionary opportunities of the far West have been played up with great effectiveness. And there appears no disposition to question the validity of those claims. We do not question the tremendous evangelistic and missionary opportunities claimed for the far Western Area. But we do question the wisdom of an expenditure sufficient to develop an Assembly, which is definitely not a missionary project, in a missionary field.

San Francisco

We also believe it was a mistake for the brethren of the far West to ask for the meeting of the Convention in San Francisco in 1951. And there are at least

three reasons why we hold this view. First, we believe it extremely unwise to take the convention out of the distinctly Southern Baptist territory, two years in succession.

Second, the distance to the West Coast will make it impossible for great numbers of our people to attend from the oldest and most populous areas of the Convention territory. It is a serious matter to take the Convention meeting out of reach of the Convention constituency.

Third, the meeting of the Convention is not a missionary project, and it should not be determined on the basis of the opportunities which such a meeting will provide the messengers to see the mission field.

It is entirely possible that the messengers attending the Convention in San Francisco might be disappointed in what they find there in the matters of the progress of the work and the treatment they receive in a city whose attitudes might be radically different from the attitudes of our Southern cities. Any disappointments experienced in San Francisco will be reflected in future actions of the Convention in relation to the work of that section.

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Our Illegal Envoy

Now comes the rumor that President Truman intends to ask the Senate to ratify the appointment of Myron G. Taylor as a regular official ambassador to the Vatican.

The appointment as it now stands, while being to all intents and purposes official, does not have the prestige of a full ambassadorship. Mr. Taylor is merely the personal representative of the President. As we have pointed out in these columns many times and in our brochure, "Our Vatican Envoy Must Be Recalled," the appointment was and is an unwarranted violation of the constitutional provision for the separation of church and state. In its present status it is an affront to the United States Senate which has the power of ratifying or rejecting diplomatic appointments and to every Protestant and Protestant church in America.

We doubt whether Mr. Truman will dare bring his appointment before the Senate and risk the public discussion which would inevitably follow. The nation would be torn from root to branch and he would lose more votes than he has gained.

What we need is an immediate break in this unlawful Vatican-American relationship and the recall of Mr. Taylor. If Mr. Truman knows why he is a Baptist and will act according we can write "finis" to the whole business now.

However, we confess that we have had a growing suspicion that Mr. Truman is more of a Democrat than a Baptist or an American. Those Roman Catholic votes look mighty good.—DR. JAMES D. MURCH in United Evangelical Action.

Sparks & Splinters

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE BAPTIST RECORD office were: Rev. R. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. W. H. Wood, Bay Springs; George T. Allman, Jackson; Dr. Bryan Simmons, Ellenville; Rev. R. W. Porter, Georgetown; Rev. A. H. Childress, Lula; Rev. G. E. Wells, Magnolia; Rev. Mark Lowry, Columbia; Rev. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia; Rev. Fred Williams, Laurel; Rev. W. J. Hemby, Clinton; Rev. J. C. Pinson, Osyka; Mrs. Willis Hudlin, Jackson; H. E. Merritt; Rev. H. R. Herrington, George D. Campbell, Bill Robinette, Bill Egleston, Owen Pullen, George S. Whitten, Willis Hanna, Buford Anderson, A. O. Anderson, all of Sumner; and Rose Ellen Goodrich, Nashville.

WALTER PARKS, TEACHER OF piano, organ, voice and harmony in Greenville, has been employed by the East Baptist church as director of music. He began his work with the East Church July 1.

DR. WARREN M. ANGELL, DEAN OF Music, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Director of Music for the recent Oklahoma City Convention, will serve as conductor of one of the laboratory choirs at Ridgecrest during the Ninth Convention-wide Church Music Conference, August 25-31. Churches are urged to send their music directors and other musicians to this conference. Reservations should be made now by writing Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, enclosing \$2 registration fee.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Indian Springs Church in Jones County. The list was sent by the pastor, Rev. Varney Moss.

MISS LEXIE DELLE MUSE HAS begun her work with the East Baptist Church, Greenville, as Educational Secretary. Miss Muse is a native of Meridian and a recent graduate of Blue Mountain college. She succeeds Miss Betty Renshaw who recently accepted a position with the Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY BY THE East Baptist Church, Greenville, Rev. Homer W. Roberson, pastor, to hold three tent revivals during the summer months in several sections of the city. The first revival will be held the week of July 17-24. Mr. Roberson will do the preaching and Rev. Otis Perry will lead the singing.

REV. W. W. SIMPSON, MISSIONARY to the Choctaw Indians, suffered a fractured collar bone June 30 when his automobile collided with another car on Highway 80 at Van Winkle.

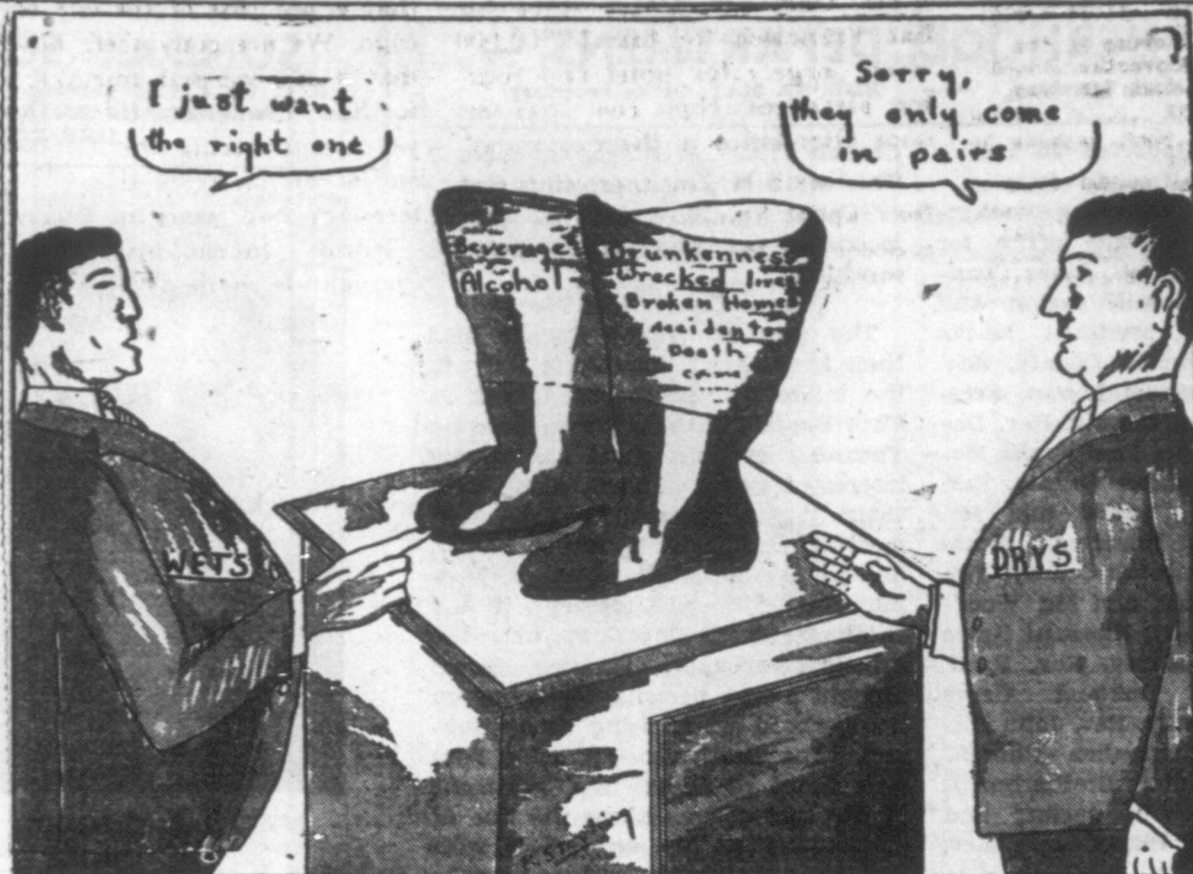
CHRISTIANITY CAME INTO THE world as the offer of power. It begins in the lives of individuals, and through them will influence society, even all people of all nations—Jerome O. Williams in *The Sunday School Builder*.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ANY NATION to rise above the spiritual quality of its leaders—J. E. Lambdin in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE to one church and 33 years in the Baptist ministry will be rewarded by the membership of his former congregation on July 15 when the Rev. E. J. Rogers begins an aerial trip to Europe, Africa and the Holy Land. The tour is a gift of the Kingston Avenue Baptist Church of Kansas City, the 29 year pastorate from which he retired last May 1.

B. M. C. ALUMNA TO SAN ANTONIO

Miss Sibyl Deweese, Philadelphia, who has accepted the position of educational director of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., is an alumna of Blue Mountain College.



FROM THE NILE TO THE WATERS OF DAMASCUS (\$2) by Dr. William Arndt is an on-the-spot account of the hallowed locale where Jesus lived and labored. Jerusalem, Beersheba, Caesarea, Old Gaza, and other scenes along the Mediterranean shore are graphically presented in words and 100 authentic pictures, flown to the United States prior to the recent Eastern conflict. The book will give you an up-to-date idea of how the Holy Land looks and will help in explaining the Bible stories from that area. Orders should be sent to the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri.

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A NICE LIST OF NEW AND RENEWAL subscriptions from New Zion Church in Waltham County has been received. Such lists enable the Baptist Record to grow in circulation day by day. The New Zion list was sent by E. D. Fortenbury.

THIS IS THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, the revelation of God. Let a man or a nation deny it at his own peril. It requires more than a slogan "In God We Trust," more than a name, more than church spires and religious statistics. It requires a real subordination of money-getting and money-spending to the divine principles of righteousness, justice, good will, and service to man. And this is what America and all nations need—an adventure in godliness in which those who believe it will set out to prove it. This is Christ's challenge to young Christians: "Not by bread alone" but by what God has said! —J. B. Weatherspoon in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

THE POWER OF THE CROSS IS THE power of God and is the force that changes the heart of man. It brings conviction of sin and causes men to hate evil and to turn from it. It creates a new spirit of love and goodness in the heart. It changes the will. The heart becomes a citadel of righteousness, and waves of goodness flow from it.—Jerome O. Williams in *The Sunday School Builder*.

THE CONCEPT OF A MISSION CALL may at times be warped by the notion that missionaries have to travel far away to be effective. But you don't have to cross an ocean to be a missionary. In fact those who cannot or will not be missionaries right where they live, could not be missionaries even if they crossed the seven seas—Josef Nordenhaug in *The Baptist Student*.

EDWIN HARPER WAS RECENTLY licensed to preach the Gospel by Jupiter Church, in Simpson County. At the time he was licensed he also preached his first sermon. Rev. W. J. Hemby is the pastor.

A COUNTY-WIDE TENT REVIVAL IS in progress at McComb according to C. R. Toler, clerk of the South McComb Church. The meeting is being led by B. B. Crimm and party and it will continue through July. According to Mr. Toler 90 per cent of the preachers in McComb are cooperating.

ALL OF OUR ENEMIES ON EARTH and in hell cannot destroy our nation if it is found faithful to Christ. To save America we must win its millions to Christ and follow him as an unconquerable army of Christian soldiers.—J. E. Lambdin in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

BIBLE BASEBALL (35c) BY DR. Robert T. Taylor is more than just another game; it provides for real Bible study on the part of young people. The book contains 340 Bible questions and answers and complete directions for the game Bible baseball. Orders should be addressed to the publisher: Chicago Bible Society, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago.

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GERMANS ARE GRATEFUL FOR HELP TO SEMINARY

HAMBURG, Germany—(BP)—A gift of \$30,000 from Southern Baptists has made possible continuation of the Baptist Theological Seminary operated by German Baptists.

"You can hardly imagine the heavy load which was taken from our hearts," Dr. Hans Luckey, president, wrote following receipt of a message from Dr. Jacob Meister, now in the United States, that the gift was forthcoming.

"It seemed necessary for us to shut our seminary," Dr. Luckey said. "But now God has done a marvelous help by moving your hearts and hands."

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WE HAVE THE THING UPSIDE down when we attempt to fit God's plan into our life rather than fitting our lives into God's plan. One does not put an ocean around a fish, nor air around a bird. Only as our lives are fully given to Christ do they make any sense in the context of God's eternal purpose with us and the world.—Josef Nordenhaug in *The Baptist Student*.

SEDBERRY WILL SUCCEED ALLDREDGE AS SEMINARY COMMISSION SECRETARY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—L. S. Sedberry, pastor of the Lockeland Baptist Church here, has been elected general secretary and treasurer of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary to succeed Dr. E. P. Alldredge. He has accepted the new position, effective July 1.

The new general secretary is a native Tennessean, and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a successful pastor of churches in Tennessee for nearly 30 years, and has served as chairman of the Commission on the Seminary for the past two years.

At the vote of the Commission, Mr. Sedberry will give his full time to the promotion of the Seminary among Southern Baptists. He will also represent Southern Baptist in the expenditure of Convention funds used in connection with the school. Dr. Alldredge has served on a half-time basis since his retirement from a Baptist Sunday School Board position nearly four years ago, and he joins with others in highly recommending Pastor Sedberry for the full-time position.

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16 Added in Lambert Revival

Lambert Church held a revival June 19-26 with Rev. Upton Reynolds, Clarke College teacher, as evangelist, and Dan Mason of Lerman as music director, bringing special trombone solos.

There were 16 additions to the church, eight on profession of faith. The others who came renewed themselves in the Master's service.

Rev. R. C. Ryan became pastor 18 months ago, at which time the church began to support a full-time program. A hot air heating plant has been installed, and the building has been renovated.

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BATTLE AND CONFLICT—THAT IS the story of the Christian, whether in his personal life or in his social relationships. The Christian faith is always in the midst of a campaign. A Christian who knows no sense of conflict is either dead or dying.—D. J. Evans in *The Baptist Student*.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Brotherhoods Reported To The Southwide Office In June

We reported the following Brotherhoods to the Southwide office for June: **Harmony Church, Jones County**, Rev. H. L. Fewell, pastor, and W. W. Norsworthy, president; **Moaks Creek Church, Lincoln County**, Rev. J. W. Burnett, pastor; **Myrick Freedom Church, Jones County**, Rev. David Harrison, pastor; **Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County**, Rev. Grady H. Smith, pastor and Mr. H. W. McGraw, president; **Pleasant Grove Church, Jones County**, Rev. P. G. Harper, pastor, and Mr. Woodrow Sellers, president; **Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County**, Rev. P. G. Harper, pastor; **Oakland Grove Church, Jones County**, Rev. John Hilburn, pastor; **Tangipahoa Church, Pike County**, (Junior Brotherhood), Rev. Bob G. Wilson, pastor; and **Thompson Church, Pike County**, Rev. Earl Edwards, pastor.

Latimer Visits State

Mr. Hugh Latimer from the Brotherhood office in Memphis visited our state on Monday evening, June 27, and spoke to the Associational Brotherhood Rally of men for Lawrence County at Oakvale. Mr. Latimer brought a heart-warming message, as usual. There is not a layman among us with a greater passion for the work of our Lord.

The Lawrence County men were invited to hold their next quarterly meeting with the Carmel Baptist

Church Friday evening, September 9. This will be a supper meeting. Brother Carpenter, the pastor at Carmel, is one of our very promising young ministers.

Wayne County Men Meet

The men of Wayne County held their first Associational-wide Rally in the interest of Brotherhood work at First Baptist Church, Waynesboro on Thursday evening, June 23. A very interested group of men, along with their pastors, attended this first meeting. Brother J. H. Street, pastor, Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, and former Secretary of the Brotherhood Department, was the principal speaker. Brother Street brought a very personal testimony on Brotherhood work, using as his subject, "The Brotherhood From a Pastor's Point of View." His treatment of the subject was along the line of a summary of his experiences with Brotherhood work in various churches and proved to be a very effective testimony.

We had the joy of a bit of fellowship and a fine meal in the Street home with Mrs. Street serving the principal food of preachers—chicken.

Our thanks to Brother Hicks and his men for being the hosts for this meeting. The men voted to hold a similar meeting at the same church on Thursday evening, September 29, Brother Warren, the Associational Moderator, served as master of ceremonies in a very acceptable way.

GREENVILLE CONTINUES IN REVIVAL SPIRIT

Dr. E. D. Elliott became pastor of the First Church in Greenville about three and one-half years ago, and according to a report from the church secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Wood, a revival has been evident in the church since his arrival. We quote from her letter below:

"The deacon body say they expect unusual happenings every Sunday, and the latest is the believer's baptism of N. Paul Arline, Campbellite minister of Greenville, into our church and he will become Dr. Elliott's associate and minister of music, for he is a talented vocalist and musician. He requested re-ordination and was regularly ordained by a Council of Baptist pastors last Wednesday evening.

"The membership is now 2054, and most of them are active now. The average attendance in Sunday School is 810; the B. T. U. average attendance is 210, and Prayer Service is a high hour every Wednesday night. Our Vacation Bible School had a 200 average. Our Chinese Mission has about sixty regularly in attendance and the North-side Mission has a Sunday School attendance of over sixty, this being our latest venture. Young Godfrey Delcuse, another ordained Christian Church preacher, was also recently baptized for the right purpose into our fellowship and Dr. Elliott now has seven young men called to preach, and assisted by the Junior Deacons (The Pastor's invocation) they run the Evening Worship Hour. There is no summer slump

Itta Bena Revival Adds 21

Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, led the revival of the Itta Bena Church April 18-24. The music was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Gatewood.

There was a record Sunday School attendance of 310 on the closing Sunday, exceeding the goal set for 281.

There were twenty-one additions to the church.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- July 11—Mrs. R. E. Owen, W. M. U. Superintendent, DeSoto Association; Dr. F. K. Horton, Riverside Association Convention Board member.
- July 12—W. M. S. Camp at Garaywa; Mrs. Sadie T. Crafley, Dean, Blue Mountain College.
- July 13—Rev. V. C. Windham, Simpson Associational Training Union director; Arie Porter Farr, Clarke College faculty.
- July 14—J. A. Johnston, Brotherhood President; Jeff Davis Association; Mrs. Jack Nazary, Young People's Leader, Leake W. M. U. Association.
- July 15—Dr. R. L. Senter, Itawamba Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Miss Betty Jane Hurt, Woman's College faculty.
- July 16—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Blue Mountain College trustee; Mrs. Rap Moulder, Smith Associational Training Union Director.
- July 17—Herman Dean, Madison Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

In Greenville and a new day is here religiously in the Delta, for all our churches nearby of our own faith are "adding daily" to the growing rolls."

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



MRS. A. L. MCGAUGH

Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, of Greenwood, Miss., will direct the Junior work at our statewide Sunday school clinic in New Albany the week of August 29-September 2.

She is one of our best Junior workers, and we use her many times each year in special campaigns. The Junior workers over the state who attend this clinic will profit from the fine service of this very capable worker.

FREE FOR THE ASKING

For the first 100 who make application, there will be no cost whatever to attend the New Albany clinic except transportation and a registration fee of \$3.00.

That's getting a whole lot for mighty little.

Room, meals, and books will be provided free for those in this first 100 so applying

Send us your name at once and get in on this offer. Names are now coming in to us, and we want others to do likewise. So, do not delay; write us at once.

MAIN STREET MOVES

The Main Street Baptist church, Hattiesburg, has made remarkable progress during the five years of Dr. John E. Barnes' pastorate.

The Sunday school has grown from an average attendance of 431 to 769. That is indeed excellent, and we extend to pastor Barnes, superintendent M. A. Mayo, educational director S. C. Ray, and all the officers and teachers our hearty congratulations on this splendid advance.

MRS. WALTERS SETS RECORD

Mrs. Charles T. Walters, Laurel First Church, has set a new record, so far as we know, in the completion of Sunday school training course books.

During this Sunday school year, which began last October 1, she has completed a total of 33 books, and 31 of them during 1949.

That is a most unusual record and we extend our most hearty congratulations to this fine and capable worker in setting a good example for others to follow. It is also encouraging to know that this is being done by one who has been for many years one of our most capable teachers.

JULY AND EVANGELISM

Of course, any month is a good one to emphasize evangelism. However, July does offer something extra in that it is a month when both revivals and Vacation Bible schools are held in many churches, especially in the rural areas. Each of these presents an excellent evangelistic opportunity, and when a church has the privilege of both in the same month it does give additional advantages.

Many churches have already reported great numbers of professions of faith in their Vacation Bible schools. Here is a rare opportunity. Let's use it to the greatest advantage. Let's win the people now while there is opportunity. Tomorrow, or next month, may be too late.

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MIZPAH CHURCH, RANKIN HAS FULL-TIME PROGRAM

Mizpah Church in Rankin County began supporting a full-time program on May 1. Already an increase has been noted in each phase of the church program.

Rev. James Madison is the pastor. R. S. Compere, of Florence, taught the adults and Mrs. R. S. Compere taught the young people in a Training Union Study Course June 10-12. There were 72 to complete the course.

A Brotherhood was organized on June 19, with the assistance of the associational missionary, Rev. L. W. Stanger. Miss Nell Taylor assisted in reorganizing the W. M. U. about two months ago.

Dr. W. E. Greene will lead in a revival beginning August 14. The church auditorium will be completed before the revival, according to plans. Eight Sunday School rooms have already been completed.

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Parkway Church and Chapel Complete Two Bible Schools

Both Parkway Church, Jackson, and Parkway Chapel have completed Vacation Bible Schools.

This was the first school at Parkway Chapel ever to be staffed by its own people. Most of these had never worked in a V. B. S. There were 146 pupils enrolled. A mission offering of \$27.56 was designated for HOPE packages.

The Parkway V. B. S. enrolled 423; had perfect attendance for the ten-day period. The mission offering, amounting to \$80, was also designated for HOPE packages. The offering taken on commencement night, \$52, was used to promote the V. B. S. at Parkway Chapel.

In February Parkway began to plan and prepare for the V. B. S. Leaders and workers were secured early and had several months to plan their programs and to prepare for their responsibility. As the school drew near enthusiasm mounted among those who were to lead because they were ready and their supplies were already stocked in the church.

The report which came from the church secretary, Miss Evelyn Irwin, stated, "The superintendents and workers planned and prepared thoroughly and it paid dividends."

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

GOOD NEWS FROM COLOMBIA

Many of our people have been praying definitely for Dr. McGlamery in Colombia, that his license to practice medicine would be secured. It is MOST DIFFICULT in Latin American Countries for a doctor from the United States to secure permission to practice. In fact we Southern Baptists, have only one doctor in South America with permission to practice and he is Dr. Franklin Fowler, Paraguay. Dr. Fowler was born in South America of Missionary parents, later studied in the United States and went under our Board to Paraguay as a Medical Missionary. The first hospital of Southern Baptists is to be built soon in Paraguay.

A letter this week from the McGlamery's in Colombia carries this message that they want shared with all interested friends:

"You will rejoice with us that we have made some definite progress toward the medical license. This week, Dr. McGlamery was in Bogota again to present his credentials before the Examining Board and was almost at the point of despair over the Board's failure to meet to O. K. his papers, when to our great relief, he had the good news that the papers were passed, and he is accepted and qualified to take the examinations during the last days of July. We feel it is a real victory, since medicos here say that is the major part of the whole transaction.

We are so used to getting things done with dispatch that these months of waiting for something to work out that seemed so simple, became very difficult indeed. It is not all over, but

we feel like the Lord is on our side, and things will work out in His own time. Keep us in your prayers that HIS WILL may be done.

Our plans are shaping up for the first R. A. Camp for Colombia. It will be down by the sea with mountains for a backdrop. We have about 50 boys who will be qualified to attend, because they have finished at least one rank, and have not missed more than three meetings this year.

In our meetings yesterday in Central Church, we had 17 boys in R. A.; 20 girls in G. A. and about 35 in Sunbeams.

Pass on our good news about Dr. Mc to Mississippi friends and pray with us that God's will be done about this.—ORLENE MCGLAMERY, this."

LAST CALL FOR RIDGECREST W. M. U. WEEK

Special bus chartered, leaving Jackson Aug. 2, returning Aug. 11. Reservations for space at Ridgecrest must be made through W. M. U. Office, Box 530, Jackson. Must release unused space. Write Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson for further information.

W. M. S. WEEK AT GARAYWA July 12-16

When you read this, there will remain only a few days before this meeting. If you can't come for the entire time, come for one day. Special guests for the week will be: Dr. and Mrs. Edward McDowell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby and Mrs. David Mein of Brazil.

SHUBUTA COMPLETES VBS Fourteen Added in Revival

Shubuta Church had 117 pupils enrolled in a Vacation Bible School June 6-10. The pastor, Rev. W. Harold Anderson, was the principal and was assisted by Mrs. Ralph McLendon, Mrs. C. L. Sellers, Mrs. I. S. Martin, Mrs. Roy Nettles, Mrs. Joyce McLendon, Mrs. Harold Anderson, Mrs. Melvin Donald, Mrs. Dana Evans, Miss Jo Lynn Donald, Thomas Evans Jr., and Mrs. Bern Owen.

Instead of meeting in the mornings, the Intermediates met at night and a full program was sponsored.

The church has also just closed a revival in which Rev. S. C. Rushing, Pastor of the Istrouma Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, did the preaching and U. C. Wells led the singing. There were 14 additions to the church, 13 on profession of faith.

\$2,908 GIVEN CLARKE BY 1ST CHURCH, TUPELO

First Church, Tupelo, Dr. H. R. Holcomb, pastor, recently presented to Clarke College a check for \$2,908.

This offering will be used to memorialize a suite of rooms in the new girls' dormitory which will get under construction in the immediate future.

This is in addition to a faculty home that has been erected on the campus to memorialize Dr. Holcomb and a student apartment which First Church figured largely in building.

FAYETTE CHURCH BEGINS REVIVAL ON JULY 10



REV. ROY BEAMAN

Revival Services will begin in the Fayette Church Sunday morning July 10. Dr. Roy Beaman, Professor of Biblical Introduction in the New Orleans Theological Seminary will do the preaching.

Rev. George Mosley, who has been the minister of Music at the First Church of Crystal Springs, will be in charge of the music.

Dr. James L. Clark is the pastor of this church.

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East Side, Gulfport, Has VBS

East Side Church in Gulfport held a Vacation Bible School June 6-17, with 156 enrolled. The pastor, Rev. Dan A. Morton, was principal and was assisted by seventeen teachers and helpers and three general officers.

The \$30 mission offering was sent to Dr. and Mrs. Carter Morgan, missionaries in Hawaii.

Refreshments were served each day by the church ladies. A picnic was held on the afternoon before Commencement.

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LONGVIEW COMPLETES VBS

Longview Church in Oktibbeha County held a Vacation Bible School recently with 40 enrolled. Pastor C. E. Snowden served as principal and as leader of the boys' handwork.

Other workers were: Mrs. V. M. Thompson, Mrs. L. M. Whitley, Mrs. C. V. Wallace, Mrs. McMurray and Miss Maude Alice Yeatman.

Refreshments were served by the W. M. S.

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1st, Laurel VBS Enrolls 260

First Baptist, Laurel, recently completed a Vacation Bible School, with 260 enrolled.

Due to redecorating and repair work being done in the auditorium, the worship services were held on the lawn.

Commencement exercises, also meeting outside, were held on Friday evening.

A picnic was held on Wednesday afternoon. Over 400 spread their picnic lunches and at 7 p.m. this entire group heard a challenging address by our beloved pastor, Dr. James W. Parrish. The picnic was sponsored by the following general officers: Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth, organist; Miss Anita Headrick, music leader; Mrs. Tom Draper, junior superintendent; Mrs. C. H. Bland, primary superintendent, and Mrs. Byrd Young, beginner superintendent.

HISTORIC CHERRY CREEK BEGINS NEW BUILDING

(Editor's Note: The article below is condensed from an article in the July issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions. It gives interesting facts about one of Mississippi's historic churches.)

By John D. Freeman, D. D.

Prior to 1840 there moved into the heavily wooded section of Mississippi, south of Blue Mountain, a group of pioneers among whom were the ancestors of the Leavells, the Gambrells, and others who have meant so much in Southern Baptist life. Cherry Creek Baptist Church was organized by some of these people in 1842, and it continues until today to exert a beneficent influence upon the life of its section of the state.

The records of this church show that it has had a continuous Sunday school since its organization. It has had an active missionary society since 1880. Miss Pearl Caldwell, one of its gifts to Southern Baptist work, now retired after some forty years of active service in China, attributes her convictions regarding the mission field and its call, to influences brought to bear upon her when she was a member of the society's Sunbeam Band. Some of the Leavell brothers received their early impressions regarding the importance of Christian work while visiting their maternal grandparents who never failed to take them to church services. The grandfather, Nathan Berry, was for years an honored deacon and the Sunday school superintendent of Cherry Creek.

The noted James B. Gambell former editor of the Baptist Record, State Secretary and later leader among Texas Baptists was converted through the ministry of this church, was baptized by it and developed into a great statesman.

The church is now beginning a new era under the leadership of Dr. Wilfred Tyler, a professor in nearby Blue Mountain College.

Their old one-room building, has been moved back upon a temporary foundation to make room for their modern building which is now under construction.

During a visit to the field I spoke to the missionary society and made an earnest appeal that the old building be preserved as a fellowship hall for the community. No more fitting memorial could be erected to the great men of the church than to retain this fine building that it may continue to serve the people for whom the original builders constructed it. If it is changed into a community fellowship hall, Cherry Creek will have, when the plant is completed, as good equipment as can be found in a rural area.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—JOEL Sorensen of Stockholm, Sweden, has accepted the position as youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, according to an announcement made here by Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Alliance. Sorensen will assume his new duties in connection with the third Baptist World Youth Congress which is to meet in Stockholm, August 3-9. Approximately 3,000 Baptist young people from nearly every country in the world, except Russia, are expected to attend the meeting.

Elraine Revival To Begin July 10

Elraine Church, Jackson, will have a Youth Revival July 10-15. Services will be held at 7:30 each evening.

Rev. Joe Stovall, a Mississippi College graduate, now enrolled at the Southern Baptist Seminary, will do the preaching and Gene Garrick, a native of Jackson, now enrolled at the Bob Jones University, will lead the singing.

Beginning one month before the meeting started, prayer services were held at the church two nights weekly in preparation for the revival. Rev. Raymond R. Newman is the pastor.

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IMMANUEL AND GRACE CHURCHES JOIN IN VBS King Mission Progresses

Immanuel and Grace Churches in Warren Association held a joint Vacation Bible School in the Immanuel Church. A faculty of seventeen directed the 108 pupils enrolled. Rev. Phil J. Walker, associational missionary, assisted in directing the school.

In reporting the school, the associational missionary said that Kings Mission has put in new floors and has placed opera seats in the auditorium and installed a cooling system. The Mission has made such progress that it is soon to be organized as a church.

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The Last Weeks District Conventions

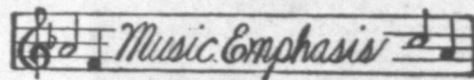
Beginning at 8:00 on Monday June 20 the District Conventions were continued through Friday June 24. The meetings for this last week were on the whole about on the par with the other two weeks. Host churches had things in readiness. The churches and associations had done their part and the representatives were there and rendered their parts well. Those who will represent the districts at the State convention are:

Beginners: Gloria Ann Brister, Paul Truitt, Rankin Co.; Nolan Kennedy, Jr., Clinton; Jane Vaughn, McAdams; Charlotte Virginia Steen, Belzoni. **Primary:** Glenda Smith, Ludlow, Mary Grace Cathey, Parkway Jackson; Jane Myrick, Kosciusko; Mary Ellen Dossett, Bethany, Sunflower Co.; Charlotte Virginia Steen, Belzoni. **Nursery:** Gene Boyd, Williamsburg, Covington Co. **David Clark,** Parkway, Jackson. **Junior:** Alene Bates, Leesburg; Peggy Thompson, Leesburg; Nellie Burnes, Bethlehem, Scott Co.; Kenneth Jones, Hopewell, Scott Co.; Janice Cox, Frances Kerr, Carroll Hodges, First Jackson; Hilda Maxwell, Daniel Memorial; Janet Tannehill, Van Winkle; Martha Hodge, Bolton Charlotte Fulton, Joy Allen, Northside, Jackson; John Ann Pace, Lena; Katherine Cain, Kosciusko First; Nancy Shackleford, Eden; Bernard Smyly, Darlove; Evie Sue Mitchell, Lynn; Patricia Johnson, Treva Nell Dasher, First Greenville; Margaret Smith, Lynn; Gracie Ann Willingham, New Hope, Sunflower Co.; Ruth Byers, Darling; Robert Gray, Batesville. **Intermediate:** Marvin Wynn, Brandon; Katie Harrison, Hopewell Scott Co.; John Compere, Northside Jackson; Dorothy Hartness, Calvary, Jackson; Nancy Jo Bunch, McAdams; Shelly Smyly, Robert Smyly, Darlove; Paul Johnson, First Greenville; Shirley Norwood, Sardis. **Young People:** Julius Thompson, Leesburg, Rankin Co.; William Lowrey Compere, Jr., Northside Jackson; Charles Phillips, New Hope, Sunflower Co.; Eula Mae Sturgis, Liberty Hill, Panola Co. **Adults:** Mrs. Albert McGraw, Paul Truitt, Rankin Co.; Mrs. Milton Goodson, Hopewell, Scott Co.; Mrs. P. H. Irwin Woodlawn, Warren Co.; Mrs. Warren Hand, Bethesda, Hinds Co.; Mrs. V. R. Netherland, Eden; Mrs. W. T. Floyd, Doddsville.

Newly elected officers: **District one:** President, Rev. Lee Chambers, Vicksburg; Vice Pres.; Rev. A. L. Chumbly, Port Gibson; Sec., Mrs. Noland Kennedy, Clinton; 1950 meeting place, Northside, Jackson. **District Two:** President, Rev. Claude Howe, Drew; Vice Pres. Lamar Lowry, Greenville; Sec., Miss Helen McCool, Leland; Place, Ruleville. **District Four:** President, Rev. Guy Reedy, Sardis; Vice Pres., L. O. Palmer, Clarksdale; Sec., Mrs. John Dickens, Batesville; Place, Hernando. **District Nine:** President, L. G. Myrick, Kosciusko; Vice Pres., Rev. J. N. Brister, Yazoo City; Sec., Mrs. W. L. Townsend, Flora; Place, Durant. **District Ten:** President, Rev. L. O. Hoff, Florence; Vice Pres., Rev. J. B. Smith; Sec., Mrs. Clifton Brown; Place, Florence.

A thousand and more different

dividuals were used on the program—there were 64 Story Hour children, 36 Juniors, 46 Intermediates, 36 Young People, 27 Adults. Forty-nine Junior Hymn players, 42 Intermediate Hymn Players, 169 singing in small ensembles and 420 singing in large ensembles. These were three great weeks for which we thank the Lord.



Second Week Of Music In District Conventions

Below is a list of Junior and Intermediate Hymn Players with ratings for the second week of Trainin Union District Conventions:

Junior Hymn Players—Bessie Carolyn Cooper, Quitman, Superior; Helen McMillan, Decatur, Good; Fay Cayton, Hickory Grove Baptist Ch. Lauderdale, Good; Ann Busby, Shubuta, Good; Jimmie Nell Wedgeworth, Ellisville, Good; Marcia Thigpen, Rocky Creek, Lucedale, Good; Joan Saucier, Goodyear Baptist Ch. Pica-yune, Excellent; Ann Gillespie, Hattiesburg, Excellent; Jim Ton Allen, Bunker Hill, Columbia, Good; June Upton, Collins, Excellent; Joan Bishop, Calvary, Columbia, Superior; Glenda Jo Smith, Friendship, McComb, Good; Norma Allen, Brookhaven, Good; Glenda Lou Wilkinson, Calvary, Jayess, Good; Nan Lambert, Carmel, Monticello, Good; Wayne Lambert, New Hope, Monticello, Good; Betty Cathryn Posey, Friendship, Lucien, Good; Patsy Lynnette Thornton, Mars Hill, McComb, Good.

Intermediate Hymn Players: Elsie Ivey, Quitman, Superior; Jane Martin, Poplar Springs, Superior; Fleta Johnson, Hickory Grove, Good; Nancy Farr, Newton, Excellent; Ann Sims, Second Ave. Laurel, Excellent; Sue Longest, Gulfport, Excellent; Beth Mitchel, Roseland Park, Pica-yune, Superior; Nellie Ruth Russell, Good-year, Pica-yune, Good; Nellie Don Robbins, Columbia, Superior; Sybil Reeves, Friendship, McComb, Excellent; Fay Neal, Carmel, Monticello, Good; Joan Stanley, Macedonia, Brookhaven, Excellent; Mary Helen Wilson, Tangipahoa, McComb, Excellent; Ella Beth Fenn, East McComb, Superior; Ruby Nell Willis, New Hope, Monticello, Good; Betty Rose Hux, Wellman, Brookhaven, Good.

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BAPTISTS TO BUILD GRAND CANYON COLLEGE

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(RNS)—Building of Grand Canyon College, a Baptist institution, is scheduled to start July 1 near Prescott, Ariz., Dr. Willis J. Ray, college president and executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention, has announced.

In its first year the college, with a faculty of 15, will offer courses to 300 students in natural science, social science, education, religion, foreign languages, music and humanities.

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ANYONE WHO CONTEMPLATES taking a vacation from his faith in Christ has never rightly understood the love of Christ nor felt its constraining power.—Josef Nordenhaug in *The Baptist Student*.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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Mississippi Southern and Mississippi College have invited our State Convention, meeting Oct. 28-30 . . . Over forty Youth Revivals will be held in Mississippi this year that we know about. We pray there will be many more . . . 32 Woman's College students participated recently in hospital and other visitation and in jail services . . . The story of the Baptist Student Union should be read by every Baptist of our day. Thousands of Baptist students away from home have been enspirited and directed and enlisted in the work of the Master by the Baptist Student Union.—R. T. Skinner, Editor, Western Recorder of Kentucky, in reviewing *A Brief History of the Baptist Student Union*, available at our Baptist Book Store. We add "amen," that every Baptist should read this little book and, furthermore, every Baptist, especially every Baptist preacher, and most especially every Baptist pastor in a college town should actively support the efforts of the BSU to claim our future leadership for Christ and for His church. Most college pastors in Mississippi are supporting it, BUT some are not only not supporting but by their indifference to the spiritual needs of college students are actually hindering its progress . . . A world can be talked into war, just as a healthy man can be talked into bed by the constant irritation on the part of his friends that he has the appearance of illness.—Alben W. Barkley . . . Tentative date is Aug. 29-31 and place is Camp Garaywa for our coming State Pre-School Retreat for college pastors, student secretaries, fac-

ulty advisers, and local presidents . . . In our opinion, one of the greatest things Mississippi Baptists are doing is in the field of theological training for Negro preachers. The greatest way to help our colored friends is to help them to help themselves, and the greatest way to help them to help themselves is to help their spiritual leaders, their preachers to be what they ought to be . . . Five Mississippi students made definite decisions for Christ at the recent Student Retreat at Ridgecrest. They are: Mary Ellen Simpson, Blue Mountain; Jo McCarty, Mississippi College; James Peters, Mississippi State; Billie Jean McCarty, Sunflower Jr., and Margie Rester, Staffer from Pearl River Jr. Please pray for them . . . We've recently received a wonderful letter from each of our three Summer Missionaries after she had reached her field of service. We hope to publish these in the July Miscellany. Laura Thompson is working with Central Baptist Church, San Bernardino, Calif. Her address is 675 "H" St. in that city. Gwendolyn Compere's address is Box 565, Fontana, Calif. and she's working with First Baptist Church there. Norma Jean John, who's farthest from home, is working in the Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu, and her address is c/o Victor Koon, 3165 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, T. H. All three of these girls would appreciate hearing from any of you. Our advice is that you send your letters air-mail. In addition to Gwen and Laura, Mississippi has a third Summer Missionary in Calif., Louise Waddell, of Woman's College, who is working out there under our Home Mission Board.

Date Of Origin Of Baptists And Other Religious Bodies

1. CATHOLICS separated from the Baptist about A. D. 251 and gradually drifted into the papacy. The first universal bishop was Boniface III, who was made such by Emperor Phocas, A. D. 606.
2. LUTHERANS split off from the Catholics and organized by Martin Luther in A. D. 1530.
3. PRESBYTERIANS split off from the Catholics in France; organized by John Calvin in A. D. 1535.
4. EPISCOPALIANS were organized by King Henry VIII, pulling off the English people from Catholics in 1540.
5. CONGREGATIONALISTS were organized by Robert Brown in A. D. 1580.
6. QUAKERS were organized by George Fox in A. D. 1648.
7. METHODISTS split off from the Episcopalians and were organized by John Wesley, A. D. 1729.
8. FREEWELL BAPTISTS organized by Ben Randall in 1780.
9. CAMPBELLITES that call themselves "The Christian Church" and the "Church of Christ", was organized by Alexander Campbell in A. D. 1827.
10. MORMONS many of them calling themselves "Latter Day Saints", were organized by Joseph Smith in 1830.
11. HARDSHELL BAPTISTS pulled out of Missionary Baptists by Daniel Park in A. D. 1832.
12. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, organized by William Miller in A. D. 1834.

Monticello Church Gets Educational Director

James Hayes of Stonewall has accepted work as Educational Director of the Monticello Church and began his work on June 19. July 10-17 he will direct the first School of Music ever to be held in the church. And he will have charge of the music for the Vacation Bible School June 27-July-6 and will instruct the Intermediate Department of the school.

Mr. Hayes has just completed his junior year at Mississippi College.

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EVERY CHRISTIAN CITIZEN WHO neglects to inform himself concerning the great issues that face us in national life is unfaithful in his citizenship. There are enough Christians in America to make our nation faithful to God and keep her faithful.—J. E. Lambdin in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

13. JEHOVAH WITNESSES, or Russelites organized by "Pastor Russell," A. D. 1884.
 14. "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE," so-called organized by Mary Barker Glover Pasterson Eddy in A. D. 1884.
 15. NAZARENES, organized in Los Angeles by B. F. Breesee, "on the first Sabbath of October," A. D. 1895.
 16. "FOUR SQUARE CHURCH," organized in Los Angeles by Mrs. Almee Semple McPherson in 1925.
- But who started the Baptist and when? Where did the Baptists come from? Go to the Encyclopedia, search the history of the world and you cannot find any personality this side of Jesus Christ who can account for the denomination of the Christians called Baptist.
- Copied from Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Baptist Building June 20-21, 1949

1. The Executive Committee met in the office of D. A. McCall, June 20, 1949, 11:00 a. m. Members present were: F. K. Horton, H. H. Aultman, W. L. Meadows, C. W. Thompson, M. D. Morton, Fred B. Moseley, H. A. Scott, Fred B. Bookter, Recording Secretary, and D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary. Visitors present were: W. A. Hewitt, H. A. Milner, John D. Davis, G. C. Hodge, William P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary, and Ernestine Cooper. The meeting opened with prayer led by W. A. Hewitt.

2. Motion was made and seconded that in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman W. L. Meadows serve as presiding chairman of the meeting. Motion carried.

3. D. A. McCall welcomed the former Executive Committee members present at the meeting and asked them to share in counsel with the members.

4. F. M. Purser came before the committee bringing two requests or recommendations from the Special Committee of the Convention as follows:

That the Special Committee call and foster a meeting of the committee with Dr. McCall, the Executive Committee, officers of the convention, and twelve members of the group of brethren who have requested the privilege of meeting with Dr. McCall, such a meeting to be arranged maybe this afternoon or tomorrow. We present further the recommendation that in view of that request made by our committee that if the Executive Committee in session today is in any wise contemplating a special session of the Convention or Convention Board that such call be delay for the present.

5. The Committee discussed the matter of employing an auditor to audit the books of the Convention Board. Upon the request of Dr. McCall the motion was made and seconded that a recapitulation of the Convention Board books for the last ten years be made and that Dr. McCall be given the authority to employ an auditor for this audit and that this be paid for out of the budget of his office. Motion carried.

6. The Committee adjourned for lunch to reconvene at 3 p. m.

Monday Afternoon Session

7. F. K. Horton led in prayer.

8. A motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee accept the invitation of the Special Committee of the Convention. A substitute motion was made and seconded that this be tabled until after the night session. Substitute motion carried.

9. A motion was made and seconded that the Special Committee be invited to meet with the Executive Committee at the night session beginning at 7:30 p. m. Motion carried. C. W. Thompson was asked to contact the Special Committee to see if it would be possible for the Special Committee to meet at that time.

10. The Committee adjourned to meet at 7:30 in the evening.

Monday Evening Session

11. The meeting was opened with prayer led by W. E. Greene.

12. W. L. Meadows welcomed the members of the Special Committee to the meeting and asked F. M. Purser, Chairman of the Special Committee, if he had a statement from the Special Committee.

13. F. M. Purser presenting the following statement from the Special Committee as a basis for discussion:

"Proposals submitted by the special Convention appointed committee and submitted as a basis of discussion for possible settlement: Having our dear Lord and his work as our first interest, and believing that brethren can and should work together in harmony and brotherly love, the Convention appointed committee submits the following as a basis for discussion and possible settlement of our problems. While this committee does not approve all methods of procedure, the committee wishes to reiterate its expression of confidence in the high purpose, the honor, and the business integrity of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board, of the Executive Secretary, and all of the brethren who have asked questions concerning our work.

I. There are certain Christian principles on which all of us can agree:

1. Christ is our rightful Head.
2. God is love.
3. All of us have sinned and are saved only by the grace of God through our Lord, Jesus Christ.
4. Redeemed people can and should work together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
5. Free people under a free God will not always see everything the same way.

II. Applying these principles to our present situation your Committee is suggesting to those who are most intimately connected with our present trouble a suggested solution:

1. We must all keep in mind that our first loyalty is to the Lord and to His work.
2. We must remember that we are Brothers and Sisters in Christ and that our loving God wants us to love one another, even as He has loved us.
3. Whenever we consider the faults of others, we must remember our own great sin and that it is only by God's loving grace through Christ that we are saved. We must therefore earnestly seek not to sit in judgment of one another.
4. Since our Lord's Holy Spirit is our Leader, we must work together and not against His work or against each other.
5. Differences of opinion do not necessitate division among brethren.

III. In the manner of practical suggestions your Committee submits the following, which it believes to be in harmony with the Christian principles stated and the Christian applications drawn from those principles:

1. We suggest that all parties connected immediately with our present trouble sincerely and humbly ask God's forgiveness and forgiveness of each other and of anyone hurt by these troubles; and that all such parties covenant together before God that from here-out the immediate past differences will not be mentioned in private counsel, in group discussion, in letter or on the printed page.
2. We suggest that a very carefully worded statement be prepared by a committee of three, and that such statement so prepared by the committee of three be published in the Baptist Record at an early date.
3. We suggest that all of us who here covenant together in this matter go out now to expend ourselves earnestly and gladly in the promotion of our Lord's work and that we covenant with each other to pray frequently for each other as we work together in harmony and Christian love."
4. Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee accept the invitation extended by Dr. Purser, Chairman of the Special Committee. Motion carried.

15. Motion made and seconded to adjourn until 8:30 Tuesday morning.

Tuesday Morning, June 21, 1949

16. The meeting was opened with prayer led by C. W. Thompson.

17. The motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee meet with the groups invited by Dr. Purser and the Special Committee at 1 p. m. Motion carried.

18. The auditors, Mr. Sanford and Mr. Pitts, came before the Committee to discuss the matter of the ten year audit.

19. Motion was made and seconded that Monday, July 25, 10 a. m. be set for a meeting of the Executive Committee at which time the auditor would bring his report on the ten year audit. Motion carried.

20. The motion was made and seconded that some old pieces of furniture not in use in the Baptist Building be donated to the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Motion carried.

21. The motion was made and seconded that the use of the mailing list of the Baptist Record be granted to the Radio Committee. Motion Carried.

22. The motion was made and seconded that the matter of the Pine Hill properties be referred to the Convention Board.

23. The motion was made and seconded that the budget of the Associate Executive Secretary presented by Brother Davis be approved. Motion carried.

24. Motion carried that Mrs. Alexander be allowed to go to Ridgecrest.

25. Motion was made and seconded that money allocated for associational missions in Neshoba County be transferred for negro work. Motion carried.

26. Motion carried that the appropriation for Indian work be left in the hands of the Executive Secretary and Associate Executive Secretary.

27. Motion was made and seconded that the division for associational missions allocated for Scott and Rankin Counties be equally divided between the two counties. Motion carried.

28. Motion made and seconded that we continue the policy existing during the war of paying the church's part of the Minister's Retirement for active chaplains in the armed forces of the United States who maintain their citizenship in Mississippi. Motion carried.

29. Motion made and seconded that William P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary, be asked to represent officially the Convention Board office in the joint meeting at 1 p. m. of the Special Committee of the Convention, the Executive Committee and the group of brethren meeting with the Special Committee. Motion carried.

30. Motion carried that a committee of three be appointed to serve on the Baptist Committee of Displaced Persons. The committee is as follows: C. O. Pate, Senatobia; M. Glen Smith, McComb, and C. M. Day, Durant.

31. The committee adjourned for lunch.

32. The committee met in the office of Dr. D. A. McCall at 12:15 for a session of earnest prayer. Forty-five minutes were spent in fervent prayer for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. After prayer the committee adjourned to meet with the Special Committee and group of brethren invited by the Special Committee to reconvene from time to time as necessary.

33. The committee reconvened in the office of the Executive Secretary to consider the proposal of the Special Committee to secure an out of state auditor to audit the books of the Convention Board for the last ten years. The following motion and second prevailed: At the request of the Executive Secretary our auditor of last year and this year was requested and contracted with to make a restudy of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board books for the last ten years. In the light of this we do not feel like authorizing an additional or out of state auditor.

34. The Committee adjourned to meet again with the Special Committee and other brethren.

35. The Committee reconvened a second time in the office of the Executive Secretary to consider the proposal of securing an out of state auditor to audit the books of the Convention Board office for the last ten years. The motion was made and seconded that the Committee authorize the employment of an out of state auditor by the Special Committee in conference with the Executive Secretary. We authorize this with the understanding that this Special Committee bring its findings to a called meeting of the Convention Board at the earliest possible date. Motion carried.

36. The Committee adjourned to again meet with the Special Committee and other brethren.

37. The Committee reconvened a third time to appoint a member of the Executive Committee to serve on a Committee of Three to prepare a statement for the Baptist Record regarding action taken in the joint meeting. Motion and second that W. L. Meadows would serve on this Committee. Motion carried.

38. The Committee adjourned to reconvene at 8:30 Tuesday evening.

Tuesday Evening

39. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Fred B. Bookter.

40. Motion was made and seconded that the Committee pass a resolution expressing their confidence in Dr. McCall and their appreciation of his fine spirit and personal concessions in the Executive Committee Meeting as well as in the joint meeting sponsored by the Special Committee. Motion carried.

41. Motion and second that the Executive Committee urgently requests Dr. McCall to take a month's vacation with pay. Motion carried.

42. Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Secretary appropriately compensate Miss Tyler, Miss Sepp, and Miss Cooper for overtime service. Motion carried.

43. Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Dr. McCall.

FRED B. BOOKTER, Recording Secretary.

LUTHER RICE MEMORIAL DEDICATED IN S. C.

The Luther Rice Sunday Memorial School building at Pine Pleasant Church, Saluda County, South Carolina, was dedicated on June 8.

Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke on "Luther Rice and Foreign Missions"; Dr. R. E. Naylor, pastor of the First Church, Columbia, South Carolina, spoke on "Luther Rice and Christian Education"; and Dr. Charles F. Sims, assistant secretary-

treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, gave a sketch of the history of the movement which made the event possible.

Luther Rice, pioneer Foreign Missionary, and probably the greatest of all pioneers of modern missions, and a name greatly honored and revered among Baptists is buried in the cemetery of the Pine Pleasant Church. The grave, beneath a properly inscribed marble slab and covered by a canopy of crushed granite and cement is a shrine of Baptist history.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

July 10. THE MARCHING SONGS OF
THE PILGRIMS. Psalms 120-134.

I. Jerusalem The Golden

Here are fifteen psalms, all except one (132) very brief. The collection fills 3½ pages in my Bible, and can be read in fifteen minutes. Let's read it. The name of a city occurs in this collection, over and over. Jerusalem, perhaps the most famous city in the world. But yesterday it was more prominent in the newspapers than any other city anywhere.

It has never been a large city, and even today it is hardly as large as greater Jackson, Mississippi. But Jerusalem is our city, and hence, of greater importance in history and sacred literature than any great city of our country. Redemption for men was wrought in Jerusalem and about it occurred the chief events of the life of our Lord.

II. The Songs of Degrees

"Songs of the Goings-Up." The songs are the marching songs of pilgrims marching up to Jerusalem to the house of God. These songs are to be thought of as being sung by the pilgrims as they came by bands marching to the sacred places within the city. We have songs of the same character, not comparable to these, but written with the same purpose, "Little Brown Church in the Wildwood," "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "Safely Through Another Week," and others that are intended to calm us within the house dedicated to the worship of God. These begin with those that magnify God. We have numbers of those in our hymn books, such as, "O Worship the King," "Holy, Holy, Holy" and scores of others intended to exalt God in the hearts of the singers.

III. The Fondness of the Old Testament People for the Sacred City and the Temple.

1. The Hope. They went to Jerusalem not nearly so often as we go to church, because many of them lived at a great distance from it, whereas our churches are so near to us that we can reach them very easily, and this has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. The people of that early day regarded a pilgrimage to Jerusalem as a distinct privilege to be embraced as earnestly as might be. To go to church is for us a distinct and precious privilege, but millions of us do not so regard it, and this light regard of the people for the worship services of the house of God leads to the greatest loss our nation suffers. The Israelites went up to Jerusalem expecting!

2. The activity. They assembled. They went up in companies and sought the Lord in great assemblies. There is great value in this. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves," and why?

(a). That we may together "Tell of His might and sing of His grace." Sing! That's it. (b) Find fellowship in Him. That the redeemed of the Lord may encourage and assure one another. (c). That we may take one another at our best. The best that is in people comes out as they are assembled to worship the King. (d). That we may pray together. Individual, private prayer is a mighty force for the refinement of our own souls and the conferring of blessings upon the objects of our prayers, but the finest place for the cultivation of the prayer life is at the church and the most favorable circumstances are furnished by the assembling of the brethren. (e). The planning under the Holy Spirit the work of the Kingdom of the Master.

3. The Reward. (a). "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren

Macedonia, Forrest County Completes School Of Music



REV. J. C. PINSON

The Macedonia Church in Forrest County, Rev. Martin V. McKinster, pastor, has just completed a school of music, which they called a "singing revival." The school was under the direction of Rev. J. C. Pinson, pastor of the Osyka Church.

The textbook was "Let Us Sing" by B. B. McKinney and Allen W. Graves. The rudiments of sight singing were taught. Climaxing the week's study a program of music was presented on Friday evening.

Mr. Pinson is a graduate of the School of Music in the New Orleans Seminary and has had further study in Florida.

to dwell together in unity." They "dwell together in unity" when they in sincerity seek together the face and favor of the Lord. (b). The blessings of the Lord upon the church. That comes as a sure result of the faithful service of the people through the church. (c). The blessings of the Lord upon the home. Husband and wife dwell together in love and faithfulness to each other when they both abide in faithfulness to God. The children grow up into stalwart manhood and womanhood in communities where the church of God has central place. When time fails their elders and the burdens of the work of the Lord fails upon them, the children who have been brought up in the church carry on for God and righteousness. (d). The home-going of God's people when the earthly pilgrimage is over. Out of this temporary into the eternal home. (e). The continued life and persistent ideals of the nation. "Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah."

In this is national security and in nothing else on earth or in the waters under the earth. National security and national perpetuity are in this alone. Faithfulness to the church of God and to the living God of the Church of Christ. Show me a nation whose people have deserted him, and I'll show you a nation doomed to death. Show me a country whose people have become careless in their devotion to God and I'll show you a nation whose people's feet have taken hold up on the way that leads down to death. There is nothing very learned in these statements! Everybody who knows anything about anything knows these things! This testimony blazes on every page of history from creation's dawn to the day of judgment.

KOSCIUSKO, FIRST ADDS 128 IN REVIVAL IN JUNE 277 Enrolled in V.B.S.

First Church, Kosciusko, enrolled 331 in a Vacation Bible School June 6-17. An offering of more than \$100, brought by the pupils, was sent to the Cooperative Program.

Immediately following the V. B. S., a two-week revival was held in which the pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce, did the preaching and Rev. Walter N. Hill, Stuttgart, Arkansas, led the singing. Services were broadcast both morning and night over the local station. There were 128 additions during the meeting, 68 on profession of faith. This made a total of 179 additions since Pastor Pierce came on May 1.

The Training Union average for May was the highest in the history of the church, and the Sunday School average is more than 100 above a year ago.

In writing about the revival the pastor said, "This church has been served well by great Bible preachers in the past. They have sown the seed; during these days it has been my privilege to reap their abundant harvest. At the night services many sat in chairs out on the lawn and

VERNON SAVELL LICENSED

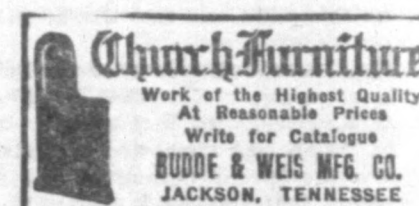
Sunday morning June 19 Vernon Savell was licensed to preach by the First Church of Calhoun City.

A graduate of Mississippi College, he has been teaching school for several years.

He plans to continue his preparation for the ministry at New Orleans Theological Seminary this fall. His Pastor Rev. J. D. Walker says "If some good church in south Mississippi needs a pastor, and feels that the Lord leads them to call this fine young man, we do not think that a mistake would be made."

listened to loud speakers each evening."

The church is planning to launch a new building program soon to care for the great crowds now ready to worship.



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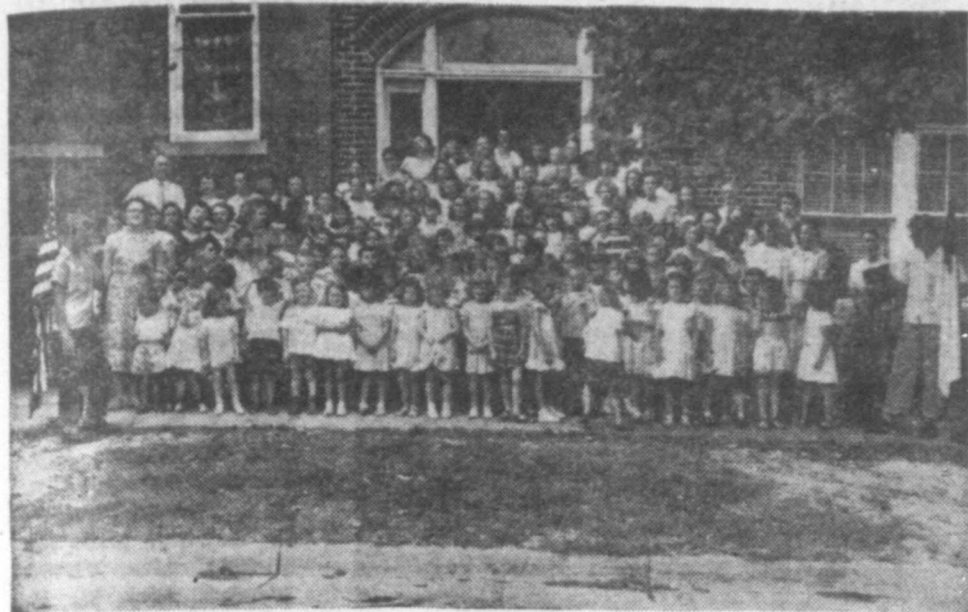
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STATE-WIDE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The State-wide Evangelistic Conference will be held February 27-March 2, 1950. Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, will be the principal speaker. Dr. C. Y. Dossey will be the conference leader. Several leaders in denominational work of the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention will be on the program. Many of our pastors will be on the program. All our people are urged to set the above date down so that there will be no conflict.

Now is the time for our associational leadership to begin to make definite plans for a complete organization by November first of this year. The Steering Committee for the 1951 Simultaneous Crusades should be set up, and the two permanent officers, the ORGANIZER and CHAIRMAN, should be elected. There will be a conference for the ORGANIZERS and CHAIRMEN at the State Evangelistic Conference. As soon as the ORGANIZER and CHAIRMAN are elected, their names and addresses and their association should be sent to William P. Davis, Box 530, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. It is necessary that this be done before November 1, 1949.

YAZOO CITY, 1ST CHURCH GRANTS 225 VBS AWARDS



Above is pictured the largest Daily Vacation Bible School in the history of the First Church of Yazoo City, 225 received diplomas during the commencement program Tuesday evening, June 22.

In addition to a host of qualified departmental workers the school was conducted by the following general leaders: Dr. Webb Brame, the pastor; who gave each day a brief sketch of one of the phases of Kingdom Work supported by the cooperative program; Dr. Othell Hand, associate pastor and principal for the School; Mrs. Othell Hand, chorister; Mrs. C. R. Forsythe, church school pianist; Mrs. Grady Downs, general secretary; Walter Johnston, bugler; Mrs. James Edwards, superintendent of the Intermediate Department; Miss Sara Everett, Superintendent of the Junior Department; and Miss Martha Helen Rand, Superintendent of the Primary Department; and Mrs. Joan Overton, Superintendent of the Beginners.

A. B. Kelly, the general Superintendent of the Sunday School served as counselor and Mrs. D. W. Northup served as chairman of the faculty.

GLADE-BETHLEHEM YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET JULY 9

The young people of the Glade Church (Jones County) were the guests of the Bethlehem young people in a Youth Fellowship meeting at Bethlehem Church June 25.

Pastor Fred Williams of the Glade Church brought the inspirational message, his subject being "The Power of Prayer."

Games and social hour were under the direction of the Bethlehem young people, with Mr. Ralph Balch as adult adviser. The W. M. S. ladies served refreshments to around 75.

Plans have been made for the Bethlehem group to go to Glade Church for a similar meeting on July 9 at which time Pastor D. C. Jenkins of the Bethlehem Church will speak.

—BR—

WOOLMARKET CHURCH, BILOXI, helped the Baptist Record toward the 65,000 mark in circulation. Recently a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions was sent by James H. Robins.

ANTIOCH VBS ENROLLS 43

Antioch Baptist Church, Lawrence County, completed its Vacation Bible School on June 24. Forty-three pupils were enrolled.

Miss Ethel Cole of McComb, who is working under the direction of the State Sunday School Department this summer, was principal. Rev. Eldon Pevey is the pastor.

—BR—

SEMINARY, PERRY CO., TO BEGIN REVIVAL JULY 10

Rev. W. L. Warren, pastor of State Line Church, will be the evangelist in a revival at Seminary Church in Perry County July 10-15. Rev. W. P. Blair is the pastor.

Services will be held each morning at 10:30. Evening services begin at 7:30.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Logtown Church. Rev. Wayne Barton is the pastor.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SHOWS GAIN

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board office closed the books on June 30 showing a gain of \$10,100.50 in Cooperative Program receipts over the corresponding period last year. Total receipts (Cooperative Program and designated) from November 1, 1948 through June 30, 1949 amounted to \$921,707.15. Cooperative Program receipts for June 1949 showed an increase of \$22,234.45 over June 1947. Total receipts (Cooperative Program and designated) for June 1949 amounted to \$106,851.77 as compared with \$110,353.45 June 1948.

With the largest number of churches in the history of the Convention supporting the cause of Christ through the Cooperative Program, Mississippi Baptists are within sight of the million dollar goal for missions through the Cooperative Program in 1949. A great host of pastors, laymen, and staff members at Baptist Headquarters, following the leadership of Dr. D. A. McCall, have written this great missionary chapter for Mississippi Baptists.

These goals before us:

- 1.—\$1,000,000 through the Cooperative Program for the cause of Christ at home and abroad in 1949.
- 2.—20,000 baptisms in 1949.
- 3.—Every church reporting baptisms in 1949.
- 4.—Every association organized for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in 1951 by November 1, 1949.
- 5.—Every pastor attending the State Stewardship Conferences October 24-25.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

The Edwards church has closed a very successful meeting with 12 added to the membership by baptism. Rev. W. J. Mahon of the Calvary (Bowmar Ave.) Church, Vicksburg, assisting Pastor R. A. Cochran.

25 YEARS AGO

The Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, closes a revival meeting with 31 additions. Pastor Tom Tomlinson was assisted by D. A. McCall.

Pastor J. E. Wills of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, reports a revival in which Dr. A. T. Robertson presented "Glimpses of Jesus" based on the gospel of Luke, during which the people saw Jesus as they never saw Him before. Twenty added to the church, 12 by baptism.

The Derma Church ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry Brother W. W. Simpson.

The First Church, Laurel, closes a "very gracious meeting" with 34 members added to the church. The pastor, Rev. L. G. Gates, was assisted by Rev. J. W. Mayfield of McComb and A. H. Doty and his sister, Mrs. Emmet Moore, of Jackson.

West End Church of Laurel has experienced a great revival with 66 added to the membership under the preaching of Rev. C. E. Welch of Canton and Rev. W. W. Grafton leading in the singing. Bryan Simmons, pastor, reporting.

The Shuqualak church increased its membership by fifty-five during a meeting in which Rev. W. E. Farr did the preaching and Stanley Armstrong led the singing. A twelve hundred dollar debt was raised also on Sunday of the meeting. Rev. E. T. Mobberly, pastor.

BATESVILLE HAS VBS

June 13-24 the First Church, Batesville, had a Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 140.

Rev. Robert W. Martin is pastor; Mrs. Frances Randall was principal; and Miss Eva Lee, Secretary. There were 26 faculty members.

The mission offering of \$37 will be given to the Baptist Student Union for the three missionaries to California and Hawaii.

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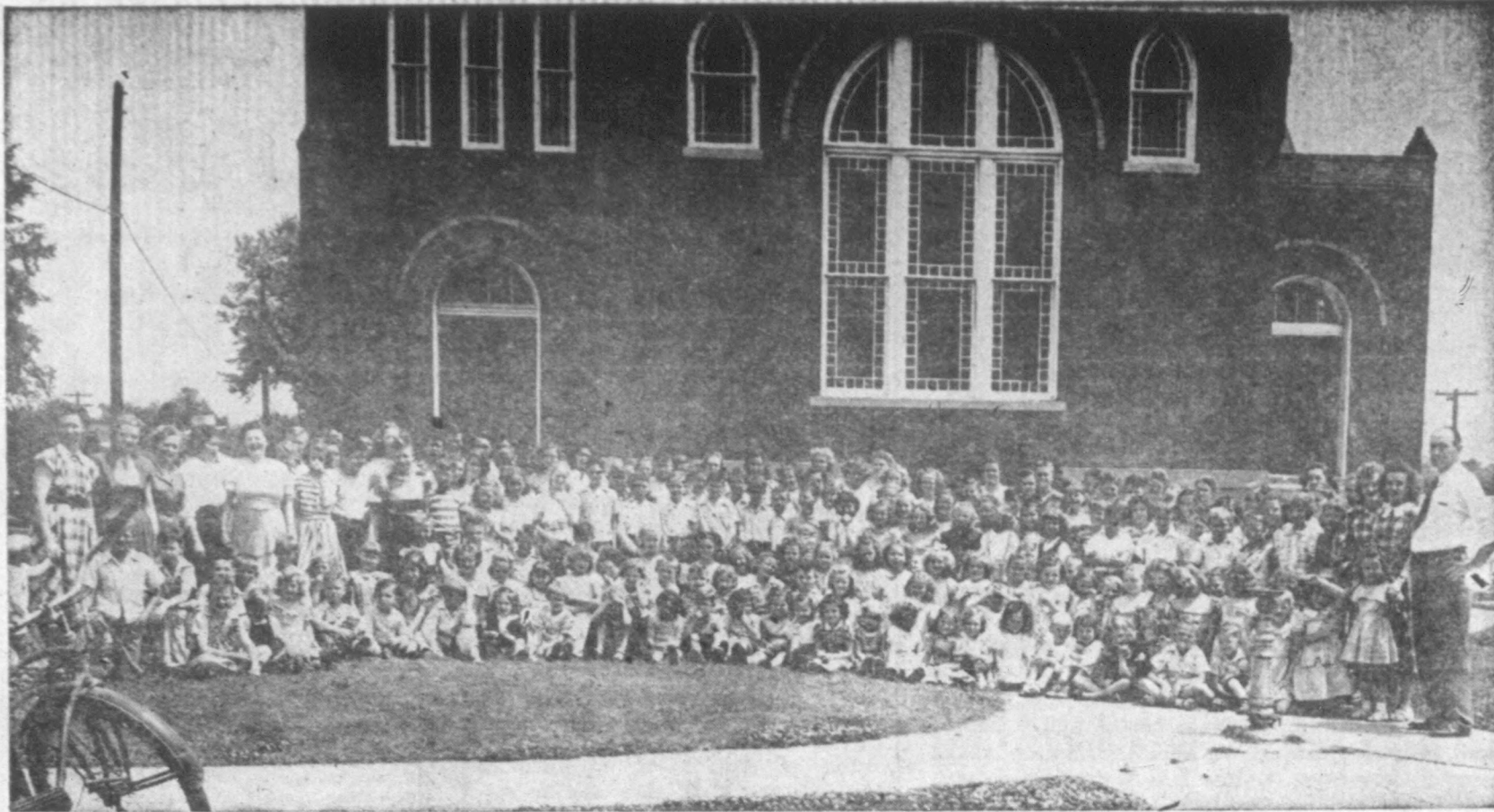
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SOUTHERN TRAILWAYS



WATER VALLEY HAS VBS MAY 23; YOUTH REVIVAL, JUN 5-12

Water Valley enrolled 191 in a Vacation Bible School May 23-27. Pupils were enrolled and classified on Saturday morning before the school.

Mrs. Benny Appleton was the principal and was assisted by the following faculty:

Mrs. Jewell Hlatt, Mrs. Taylor Howard, Mrs. J. P. Hart, Jr., Mrs. B. Craven, Mrs. Martha Oakley, Mrs. E. L. McVey, Mrs. W. C. Howard, Mrs. Joe Nichols, Mrs. Vernon Woodall, Mrs. W. M. Hyde, Mrs. Buddie Hart, Mrs. James Hardin, Mrs. Tommie Gunn, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Miss Ruth Shepherd, Mrs. Henry Forsyth, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Joyce Martin, Bob Linder, Johnson, Rev. W. C. Howard, and W. P. Byrum.

Only a week after the V. B. S. closed, the church engaged in a Youth Revival. The team leading June 5-12 were: Rev. Dan Camerson, Rev. Billy Fancher, W. A. Whitten, Jr., and Miss Martha Lou Sumrall.

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Highland Church Celebrates Pastor's 5th Anniversary

On June 26, Rev. Edward L. Byrd celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Highland Church in Meridian.

During his ministry there have been 631 additions to the church, 257 by baptism, and reaching a present membership of 1066. There are now 776 enrolled in Sunday School and the average attendance has increased from 329 to 451.

The BTU enrollment is now 229 and the average attendance has increased from 130 to 143. During the five years the Vacation Bible School has had an average enrollment of 234.

Total offerings have amounted to \$196,976, of which \$38,631 went to the Cooperative Program. During the past year, \$13,424 has been given to the Building Fund, making a total of \$57,054. In addition to this amount, a \$6000 annex has been erected as a temporary relief measure. Eight and one-half acres have been purchased at a cost of \$3,750, for the site of the new building and \$2,000 has been spent in paving around the new location.

Offerings during 1949 have thus far amounted to \$19,292. Approximately 300 tithers are on record in the church.

In addition to a number of young people dedicating their lives to Christian service during the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Byrd, four young people have gone into full-time Christian work.

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LULA CHURCH HAD 92 ENROLLED in the Vacation Bible School June 6-10. Mrs. W. F. Thomas was the principal. Rev. A. H. Childress is the pastor.

A "Lettertorial" To Pastors

Dear Brother Pastor:

Permit me to let you in on a little secret. I am addressing this open letter to you, hoping that many of your members will see it and read it. There are three things I want to say concerning your place as pastor, your people, and your state Baptist paper.

Let me assure you, Brother pastor, that I am not speaking from "hearsay," but from personal experience as pastor of town and city churches for more than 30 years. I know the joys, also the heartaches of a pastor. I know the responsibilities resting upon the pastor with reference to the varied phases of services he is called upon to render.

Now, to the point, I am confident that there is not an informed pastor in Mississippi who is not concerned about keeping his people informed and enlisted in spiritually, constructive work. I am just as confident that there is not a pastor in Mississippi, however gifted and resourceful he may be, who is capable of keeping his people informed concerning what is going on in the world-at-large and within our own nation and state. You, Brother pastor, could spend every minute you have with your people, in the pulpit and class room, and merely report what is taking place in the world today, things that affect you and your church, and you could not get the job done. You could not inform those who are absent from worship, and too many always are absent. And if all were present your main duty is to "preach the Word" and not report on world conditions.

That is where your state paper comes to your rescue; that is, if the paper is going into all of your church homes. Your Baptist paper will go into one home each week, in bad weather or good weather. It will keep your people informed concerning what Baptists are doing and also about what some others are trying to do to Baptists. That releases the pastor, unties his hands, and gives

him time for the main thing, "preaching the Word." He will be a better preacher, because will be preaching to an informed people. **But that applies only to pastors and churches where the paper goes into all church homes.**

The Baptist Record can and will gladly render a service to pastors and churches which they are not in position to render for themselves, and at a cost so small, one can scarcely believe it. It costs only two cents per week to send the paper into a home. You can send 12 to 16 pages teeming with vital information for less than it will cost to send a one-page letter first class.

A pastor is standing in his own light and keeping his people in the shadows of ignorance concerning our denominational work, when he fails to urge the church to send the paper to all the church families.

After getting the paper into the home, there are three things that need to be carefully guarded. First, the people need to be encouraged to read each issue. We must remember that some will have to form the habit of reading at all. Others read, but too often read the wrong type of periodicals. The pastor can stimulate the reading habit by merely calling attention to timely articles from the pulpit, and otherwise.

Again, the pastor or some member of the church should send in news notes of a local nature, that will attract the interest of his people.

New members coming into the church should by all means be added to the list the very week their names go on the church rolls. It is so easy to overlook this vitally important matter. The pastor cannot do this personally, but he can designate someone to see that it is done.

Finally, Brother pastor, remember that if you want to keep your church paper going into the homes of your people, be careful, doubly careful, about keeping your subscription list paid up. Whatever else you do, see

STUDENTS HAVE ENROLLED IN the Baptist Bible Institute at Lakeland, Florida, from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. Dr. J. T. Williams, missionary to China, will teach missions in this institute next session beginning September, 1949. The Baptist Bible Institute needs a matron to look after lady students. Perhaps there are widows of preachers who would be interested in a home and living expenses plus opportunities for continued usefulness. If so, please write: Leon M. Gambrell, President, P. O. Box 552, Lakeland, Florida.

to it that you do not get in debt to your paper. We are not selfish in this matter. We are urging that the modest cost of the paper be paid promptly because of experience. The average church can and too often does get behind on paying for fuel, lights, Sunday school and Training Union literature, or even the pastor's salary, and they will catch up and continue to carry on without a thought of cutting expense, but not so with the paper.

Let the church get behind on the paper account and there is nearly always someone ready to suggest that the paper be dropped until the church "catch up" by "dropping back." If paper you drop back. You can't "catch up" by "dropping back." If the church votes to discontinue the paper, no complaint will be registered; but the individual, the home, and the church will suffer as a result of such backward move.

—YOUR EDITOR

Note: The above article was written by Dr. D. M. Gardner, editor of the BAPTIST STANDARD (Texas). It applies to Mississippi Baptists also and we are publishing it as first printed with only a few words changed to make it more Mississippi.

—A. L. Goodrich.

—BR—

ATHENS CHURCH IN SIMPSON County, Rev. W. J. Hemby, pastor, ordained Burnell Berry as a deacon. He is also serving as Sunday School superintendent.